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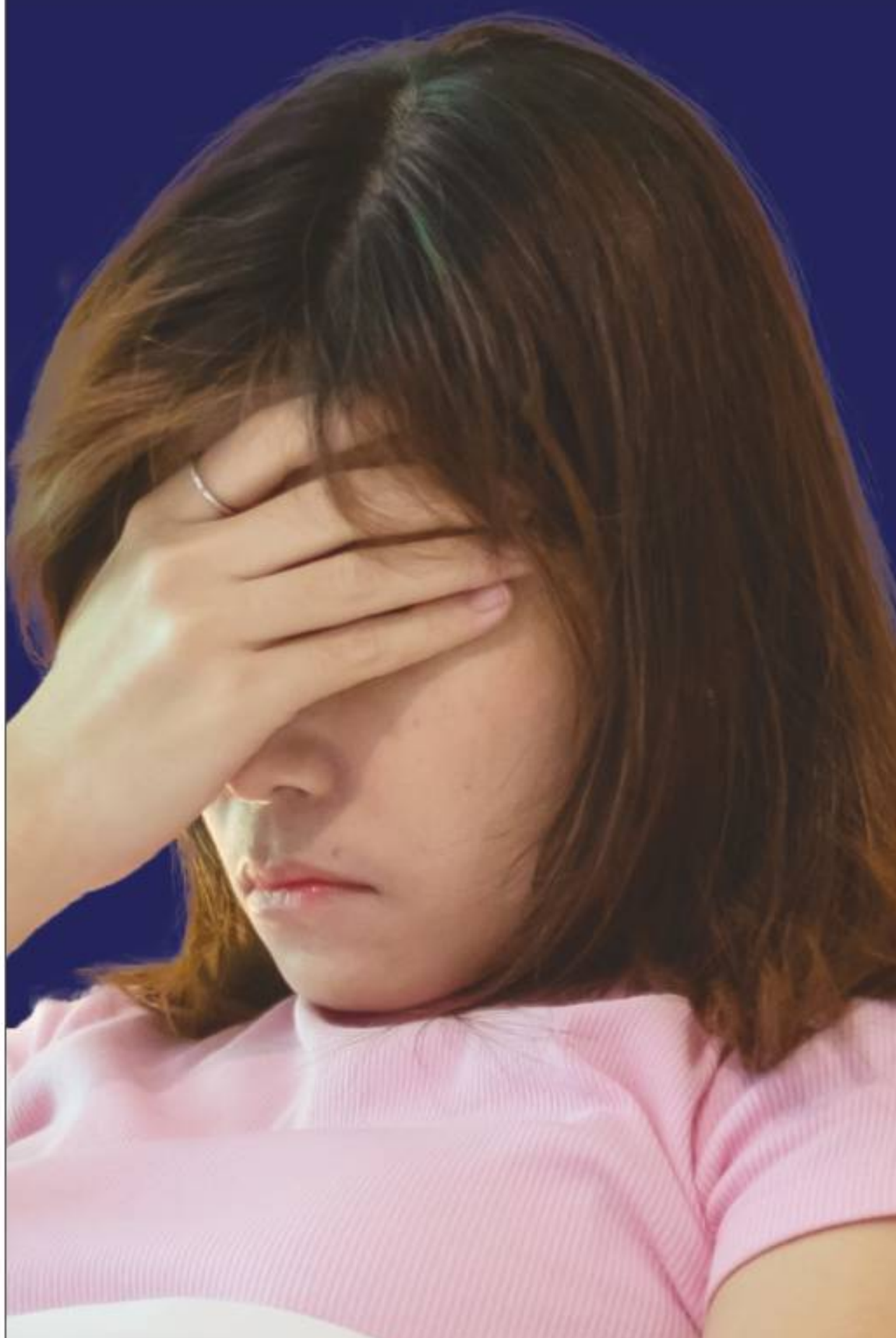

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Putin mobilises more troops, says nuclear threat 'not a bluff'

- We have lots of weapons to respond, says Russian President
- About three lakh reservists have been roped in to fight in Ukraine
- A shell damages water pipe at Zaporozhzhia nuclear power plant

Reuters
LONDON

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday called up 3,00,000 reservists to fight in Ukraine and backed a plan to annex parts of the country, hinting to the West he was prepared to use nuclear weapons to defend Russia.

It was Russia's first such mobilisation since the Second World War and signified the biggest escalation of the Ukraine war since Moscow's February 24 invasion.

It followed battlefield setbacks for Russian forces, who have been driven from areas they had captured in northeast Ukraine in a counter-offensive this month.

In an address to the nation, Mr. Putin said: "If the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, we will use all available means to protect our people – this is not a bluff." Russia had "lots of weapons" to respond, he said.

Ukraine and its Western allies responded by saying the move showed Russia's campaign in Ukraine was failing.

Mr. Putin accused Washington, London and Brussels of pushing Kyiv to "transfer military operations to our territory". Ukraine has sporadically struck targets inside Russia, using weapons supplied by the West.

"Nuclear blackmail has also been used," Mr. Putin said, citing Ukraine's Zaporozhzhia nuclear power plant. Russia and Ukraine have accused each other of endangering the plant in the fighting. Russia said on Wednesday a large-calibre shell had damaged a technical water pipe at the plant, which is occupied by Russian troops.

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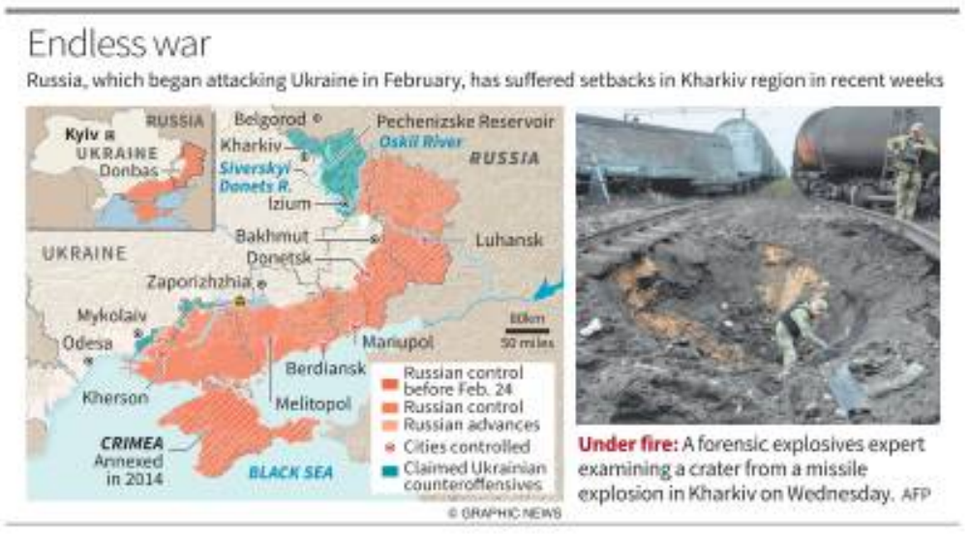

Under fire: A forensic explosives expert examining a crater from a missile explosion in Kharkiv on Wednesday. AFP

Nuclear threats against Europe 'reckless': Biden

WASHINGTON
U.S. President Joe Biden on Wednesday called out Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying Mr. Putin's nuclear threats against Europe were "reckless. In a speech to the United Nations General Assembly, he also called on countries to stand up for the UN Charter.

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Anti-conversion Bill passed in Assembly

BENGALURU
The Legislative Assembly has passed the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2022.

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20% hospitals yet to complete fire safety audits

BENGALURU
Five months after the Health Department directed 192 district and taluk hospitals to conduct fire safety audits, 158 have completed the exercise.

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Ready to take up any responsibility that Congress gives me, says Gehlot

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Before meeting Congress president Sonia Gandhi for nearly two hours to discuss the party presidential election, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday said he was ready to shoulder any responsibility that the party gave him.

In an indication of his unwillingness to give up his chief ministership, Mr. Gehlot told presspersons that he did not have to step down as Chief Minister to contest an open presidential poll.

He was, however, quick to add that "only time will tell whether he would continue in Chief Minister's post".

Next move: Ashok Gehlot leaving after meeting Sonia Gandhi at her 10 Janpath residence in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

The other contender for the top party post, Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor, visited the Congress headquarters and met Central Election Authority (CEA) chairman Madhusudan Mistry to verify the electoral rolls, check the nomination process and the appointment of election agents.

And amid reports that senior leader Digvijaya Singh could be the third contender, Mr. Singh told *The Hindu* that he had "not discussed the idea of contesting the polls with anyone".

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A century later, Nizam's sword set to return to India

SPECIAL

Serish Nanisetti
HYDERABAD

A 14th-century ceremonial sword that was sold in Hyderabad to a British General in the early 20th century is set to return to India. The sword is among the seven objects being repatriated by Glasgow Life, which manages Glasgow's museums.

While the objects were described as stolen, the acquisition document for the sword says it was purchased from Maharaja Kishen Pershad.

Bought in 1905

Jonathon Reilly, communications officer of Glasgow Life, said: "The *tulwar* (sword) was purchased in 1905 by General Sir Archibald Hunter, Commander-in-Chief, Bombay Command (1903-1907), from Maharaja Sir Kishen Pershad Bahadur Yamin us-Sultanat, the Prime Minister of Hyderabad. The *tulwar* was donated by Sir Hunter's nephew, Mr. Archibald Hunter Service, to Glasgow Life museums' collections in 1978."

The sword, shaped like a snake, has serrated edges and a damascene pattern, with gold etchings of an elephant and tigers.

Back soon: The 14th-century serpent-shaped sword on display during a transfer of ownership ceremony in Glasgow last month.

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Cong. launches 'PayCM' campaign; Bommai hits back

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Congress on Wednesday launched "PayCM 40% accepted here" campaign, a QR code with the face of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, on the lines of the Paytm payment gateway. These posters were pasted on walls at various places. As the campaign went viral, the Chief Minister hit back, calling it an effort to tarnish his image. "Officers have been asked to file a case and identify those behind this campaign," said the CM.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Putin's comments push dollar to two-decade high

110.87 The level at which the dollar index, which measures the greenback's value against other major currencies, jumped on Wednesday, its highest level since 2002. The dollar's new two-decade high was prompted by Russia's President Vladimir Putin's decision to mobilise more troops for the conflict in Ukraine. REUTERS

Ukraine grain exports down by over 40% in 2022-23 season

43.2 The percentage by which Ukraine's grain exports are down in the 2022/23 season so far. The government has said Ukraine could only harvest 50-52 million tonnes of grain this year, down from a record 86 million tonnes in 2021. Exports so far include 3.95 million tonnes of corn, 2.30 million tonnes of wheat and 598,000 tonnes of barley. REUTERS

Share of deaths due to non-communicable diseases: WHO

74 The percentage of deaths globally due to non-communicable diseases (NCD) like heart disease, cancer and diabetes according to the World Health Organization (WHO). A report from the UN health agency shows that so-called NCDs, which are often preventable and caused by an unhealthy lifestyle or living conditions, kill 41 million people every year. AFP

Prisoners released on interim bail yet to return to Delhi jails

19 The percentage of prisoners, released on interim bail or emergency parole from different jails of the national capital over the past two years, who are yet to return, according to data shared under the Right to Information Act. Of the 5,525 prisoners released on interim bail and emergency parole, 1,063 of them are yet to return to serve their remaining sentences. PTI

Germany nationalises the country's biggest gas importer

8 In billion euros, the amount Germany will spend to assume 99% ownership of Uniper, the country's largest importer of Russian gas. Nationalising Uniper is the second move in a week by the government to take control of the energy business and is part of a wider European response to the winter crisis, including France taking over the EDF (Électricité de France). REUTERS

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Rules for identifying criminals

What do the recently notified rules of the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022 state? Is there scope for misuse?

EXPLAINER

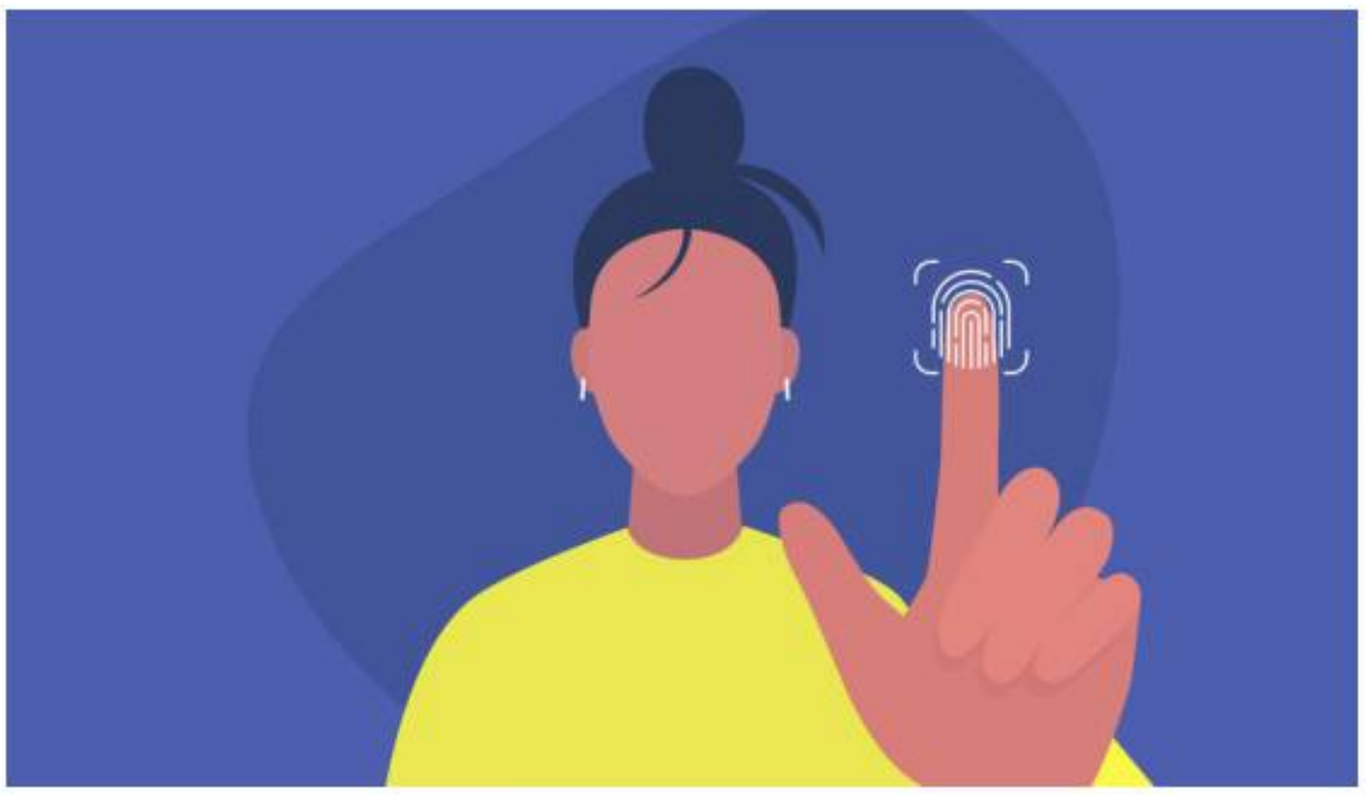
Vijaita Singh

The story so far:
On September 19, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) notified the rules governing The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022. The Act was passed in March by the Parliament. Until rules are notified, an Act cannot be implemented or come into force. The legislation would enable police and central investigating agencies to collect, store and analyse physical and biological samples including retina and iris scan of arrested persons.

What is the legislation about?
The Act seeks to repeal the Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920, which is over 100-years-old. The old Act's scope was limited to capturing of finger impression, footprint impressions and photographs of convicted prisoners and certain category of arrested and non-convicted persons on the orders of a Magistrate.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons of the bill when it was introduced in Parliament said that new "measurement" techniques being used in advanced countries are giving credible and reliable results and are recognised world over. It said that the 1920 Act does not provide for taking these body measurements as many of the techniques and technologies had not been developed then. The Act empowers a Magistrate to direct any person to give measurements, which till now was reserved for convicts and those involved in heinous crimes. It also enables the police upto the rank of a Head Constable to take measurements of any person who resists or refuses to give measurements.

As per the rules, "measurements" include finger-impressions, palm-print, footprint, photographs, iris and retina scan, physical, biological samples and their analysis, behavioural attributes including signatures, handwriting or any other examination referred to in Section 53 or Section 53A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974). Though it has not been specified, analysis of biological samples could also include DNA profiling.



What about concerns that the Act will be misused?
When the Bill was debated in Parliament in March this year, the Opposition members termed it "unconstitutional" and an attack on privacy as it allowed the record of samples of even political detainees.

However, the rules notified on September 19 state that samples of those detained under preventive Sections such as 107, 108, 109, 110, 144, 145 and 151 of the CrPC shall not be taken unless such person is charged or arrested in connection with any other offence punishable under any other law. It can also be taken if a person has been ordered to give security for his good behaviour for maintaining peace under Section 117 of the said Code for a proceeding under the said Sections.

The rules do not mention the procedure to be adopted for convicted persons.

Who will be the repository of the data?
The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under MHA will be the one-stop agency for storing and preserving the data of arrested persons. The State governments can also store the data, but it shall provide compatible application programming interfaces for sharing the measurements or record of measurements with the NCRB. The rules state that the NCRB will issue Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for collection of measurements which would include specifications of the equipment or devices to be used, specifications and the digital and physical format of the measurements etc. The rules said that in case any measurement is collected in physical form or in a non-standard digital format, it shall be converted into standard digital format and thereafter uploaded in the database as per the SOP. Only authorised users could upload the measurements in the central database in an encrypted format.

What are the provisions for destruction of records in case a suspect is acquitted?
The procedure for destruction and disposal of records are yet to be specified by the NCRB. The rules state that any request for destruction of records shall be made to the Nodal Officer who is to be nominated by the respective State Government. The nodal officer will recommend the destruction after verifying that such record of measurements is not linked with any other criminal cases.

THE GIST

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The politics over Jharkhand's domicile policy

Why is there opposition against keeping 1932 as the cut-off year for the State's domicile policy? Has this caused fractures in the ruling UPA alliance?

Amarnath Tewary

The story so far: On September 14, the Hemant Soren-led Jharkhand cabinet approved the long pending demand of Adivasi-Moolvasis (original inhabitants) to make 1932 as the cut-off year for domicile under the title 'Jharkhand Definition of Local Persons and for Extending the Consequential, Social, Cultural and Other Benefits of such Local Persons Bill, 2022'. The draft Bill will be passed in the next Assembly session and then sent to the Centre with a proposal to place it in the ninth schedule of the Constitution (which contains the list of Central and State laws and will accord it protection from challenges in courts).

Why has 1932 been decided as the cut-off year for the policy?
Different tribal groups have been demanding 1932 as the cut-off year for several years because of the land survey and revenue register done that year in large parts of the State. Shibu Soren, who is the father of Chief Minister Hemant Soren and patron of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, has also been advocating for 1932 as the cut-off year. As per the proposed domicile policy, people who have their names or their ancestor's name in the land records of 1932 or before, will be considered as local inhabitants of Jharkhand. But those who have lost their land records or have land records which are illegible or are landless people, can approach their respective Gram Sabhas for their inclusion.

Besides, the cabinet note of the State government claims that 1932 was fixed as the cut-off year for domicile policy as the migration of people from other States to Jharkhand (undivided Bihar) had resulted in negatively impacting the "original inhabitants/moolvasis/aboriginals." "This can be verified as the percentage of population of the aboriginals/[STs] since the 1941 census has seen a steady decline in Jharkhand", said the note while adding that, "there needs to be affirmative action at the policy level for the development of STs and moolvasis and the identification of local persons was a compelling necessity to provide social, cultural, educational service and other benefits".

However, records show that land and revision surveys were done in Jharkhand at different times in different districts and areas. It has been done several times in the State at different points. Therefore, marking 1932 as the only cut-off year for domicile policy would leave lakhs of citizens of the State as "refugees". The first land survey, especially in the Santhal area of the State, was done in 1872 and then in 1922. J. F. Gantzer had a complete land survey of the Santhal Pragana done with amendments in 1932, 1934 and 1936.

How have the government's coalition partners and other parties reacted?
There has been a split among the Congress party leaders over this issue. Geeta Koda, Member of Parliament from Singhbhum and the working president of the party in Jharkhand has said that an agitation would be launched if the government does not reconsider its decision. According to her, the Kolhan region of the State comprising East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Saraikela districts had land surveys done in 1964-65, and the government's decision to make 1932 as the cut-off year for domicile, will affect around 40-44 lakh people of the area. After Jharkhand was bifurcated into a separate State in 2000 from Bihar, the Babulal Marandi-led BJP government brought in the domicile policy with 1932 as the cut-off year. However, it led to violent widespread protests. Later, while hearing a PIL over it, a division bench of the Jharkhand High Court stayed the government's decision. The BJP government came back to power in 2014 and put forward a domicile policy with 1985 as the cut-off year and that too was protested by local people who demanded 1932 as the cut-off year.

THE GIST

- The Hemant Soren cabinet of Jharkand has approved the proposal to use 1932 as the cut-off year for the domicile policy of local inhabitants, provided that the Union government puts it in ninth schedule of the Constitution.
- Different tribal organisations and groups have been demanding 1932 as the cut-off year to decide the domicile policy because of the land survey and revenue register done in 1932 in large parts of the State. As per the proposed domicile policy, people who have their names or their ancestor's name in the land records of 1932 or before, will be considered as local inhabitants of Jharkhand.
- The ninth schedule contains the list of Central and State laws which cannot be challenged in courts. This is to keep the Act from judicial review in the future.

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What ails the current approach to Ayurveda and what needs to be done

Valuable observations on health need to be delinked from outdated theories, implausible conjectures and superstitions. A dispassionate sifting through of the contents of Ayurveda's ancient treatises is a prerequisite for their prudent practical use

G.L. Krishna

The National Medical Commission has proposed to integrate modern medicine with other branches such as Ayurveda and Homeopathy by establishing departments of Integrative Medicine Research in medical colleges. In this article dated July 11, 2022, G.L. Krishna elaborates on the need for a reform in the practice and teachings of Ayurveda.

Ayurveda, India's traditional medicine, has been in practice for close to three millennia. Even today, this ancient system serves the health-care needs of millions of Indians. The adaptation of a traditional knowledge-system for current use comes with its challenges, which, if dealt with lackadaisically, can endanger the welfare of its users. A few challenges that the Ayurveda establishment has for long failed to skilfully address are discussed here.

Speculations versus facts

Ayurveda's ancient treatises, for obvious reasons, cannot be expected to retain relevance in their entirety. They contain useful portions alongside obsolete ones. Therefore, a dispassionate sifting through their contents is a prerequisite for their prudent practical use. Valuable observations relating to health promotion and illness management need to be carefully sifted from outdated theories, implausible conjectures, and socio-religious superstitions.

An example would make this point clear. While documenting its observations on the benefits of physical exercise, an Ayurveda classic notes: "A sense of ease, improved fitness, easy digestion, ideal body-weight, and handsomeness of bodily features are the benefits that would accrue from regular exercise." These observations are as valid today as they were 1,500 years ago when they were first documented. But, such continued validity cannot be claimed for the physiological and pathological conjectures the same text contains.

On urine formation, for instance, the text posits that tiny ducts from the intestines carry urine to fill the bladder. This simplistic scheme of urine formation has no role for the kidneys at all. Needless to say, this very outdated idea can have no place in current medical education except as an anecdote from history. Placing such conjectural ideas side by side with modern physiology and implicitly equalising the truth value of both is a serious malaise that has been plaguing the current approach to Ayurveda. Teachers of Ayurveda physiology have the unenviable job of constantly grappling with the difficulty of reconciling ancient speculations with established scientific facts.

Factors responsible

Two main factors – one theoretical and the other epistemological – have led to this sad situation. The tridosha theory of Ayurveda is a rough-and-ready model that the ancients devised to systematise their medical experience. Clinical features of illnesses and therapeutic measures to manage them were all classified on the basis of this heuristic model. In the absence of a cogent understanding of the biological processes underlying health and illness, speculations on these topics were also woven around the same model. The theory thus has aspects that are heuristically tenable alongside those that are merely conjectural. Recasting the theory in a way that retains the relevant aspects while jettisoning the obsolete parts is a priority area in Ayurvedic research. The research centres under the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy) have remained oblivious to this important work and their omissions have resulted in retaining the theory, lock, stock, and barrel. Consequently, outdated pathophysiological conjectures have become fossilised in the current approach to the subject.

The other factor that has been instrumental in choking the renewal of Ayurveda is the widespread belief among its academics that ancient texts, by virtue of their being divined by sages in deep yogic states, retain timeless relevance. This notion of epistemic superiority has its roots in the hugely influential memorandum on the *Science and Art of Indian Medicine* authored by G. Srinivasa Murti. The memorandum formed part of two reports: of the Usman Committee (1923) and later, of the Chopra Committee (1948). The flawed idea, antithetical to the *yukti-vyapashraya* (reason-based) character of classical ayurveda, has kept the field from demystifying its theories and achieving the reforms long overdue. In short, the belief in epistemic superiority has dethroned ancient medical writings from being revisable scientific treatises into being dogmatic scriptures.

A century ago, P.S. Varier of the Arya Vaidya Sala Kottakkal noted that the " *Sareerasthana* (section on body structure and function in the Ayurvedic classics) must firstly be revised and made clearer and the remaining parts must be suited to it (*sic*). Secondly, after this, the other important works should also be corrected. Necessary additions must be made either by translations or by collaboration with experts in portions still deficient." Ironically, Varier's submission also forms part of the Usman Committee report alluded to earlier. His suggestions though appear to have fallen on deaf ears. More recently, scholars such as Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya and Priyavrat Sharma have also drawn attention to the myth of epistemic superiority that has rendered Ayurveda texts non-revisable. But the Ayurveda establishment and its research centres have stayed intellectually inept to address the issue. What can enhanced funding do in a field that lacks a vibrant intellectual resource?

A renewed plea to reform

A recent article in the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* has renewed the plea to reform and update Ayurveda. Titled "Confessions of an Ayurveda Professor", the article is authored by Kishor Patwardhan, a faculty member of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Prof. Patwardhan has candidly admitted that the anatomy and physiology contained in the Ayurvedic classics is mostly outdated and that the official approach to this subject is misguided. He has also disclosed the ecosystem-influences that made him adopt a wrong approach to the subject and the ill-effects this approach has had. While implicitly retracting his book *Human Physiology in Ayurveda*, he has called for a thorough change in the curriculum.

This article also points out the flawed approach of making ancient concepts sound relevant by super-imposing current scientific findings upon them. In addition to resulting in a travesty of truth, such misinterpretations in a practical field such as Ayurveda carry the risk of leading to dangerously wrong clinical choices. While petitioning for a scientific scrutiny of Ayurveda's foundational theories, the professor hopes that Ayurveda students get to unreservedly study current anatomy and physiology.

The basic truth

The Ministry of AYUSH must wake up and take cognisance of the points made here. Academics drawing handsome salaries from government-run AYUSH institutes need to see how sinful it is to hand over an unprocessed proto-science to gullible youngsters and then mislead them into believing that it is a super-sophisticated advanced science. As a medical system, Ayurveda is valuable immensely for its observations, only marginally for its theories, and not at all for its speculations. The sooner the establishment comes to terms with this basic truth, the better.

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KEYWORD

Shrinkflation

Shrinkflation refers to the tampering of a product while maintaining retail price

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Shrink inflation is when a product downsizes its quantity while keeping the price the same. For example, reducing the scoops of ice cream in a container or reducing the number of chips in a packet would count as shrinkflation. In other words, shrinkflation occurs when goods shrink in size but consumers pay the same price. It occurs when manufacturers downsize products to offset higher production costs but keep retail prices same.

The effect of inflation

The effects of inflation on consumers' daily lives are numerous. Rent, food, gas, and other living expenses are some of the ways inflation negatively impacts consumers. Shrinkflation deceives consumers into believing that the brands they buy are not affected by inflation, since container and vessel sizes are reduced by very small amounts, saving manufacturers more money in the long run. From toilet paper to yogurt and coffee to corn chips, manufacturers worldwide are quietly shrinking package sizes without lowering prices.

Shrinkflation occurs when materials or ingredients used to make products become more expensive and when there is intense competition in the market. As a result, instead of raising prices, they might just give you less of the product so as to maintain their profit margins. Companies think that they can keep profits rolling in by keeping the change under the radar – all while the consumer is unaware.

Shrinkflation can occur in different ways. It's not just the weight that will be compromised as it is not uncommon for companies to look for alternative options. If consumers are aware that the quantity is constantly declining, they would switch or change brands. To prevent this, a product can reformulate or remove ingredients while maintaining its price. For example, Cadbury Dairy Milk stopped using foil which it used to prevent chocolate from losing its quality and flavour in order to save expense. Though downsizing products reduces costs for manufacturers, it is an unfair practice toward consumers. It can lead to a loss of trust if companies fail to properly communicate with them. Shrinkflation can lead to customer frustration and deterioration of consumer sentiment towards a producer's brand. However, it is quite common nowadays for producers to practise shrinkflation.

Various implications

In the event of shrinkflation, it is more difficult to accurately measure price changes or inflation. Price points become misleading when the basket of goods cannot always be measured by considering the product size. Tackling shrinkflation means tackling inflation. In India especially, inflation is a complex phenomenon caused by several factors, such as demand-pull factors, cost-push factors, and structural factors. Therefore, we need a mix of macroeconomic policies to manage demand and supply, as well as address structural rigidities in the economy. In India, the Right to Information has been recognised as a consumer right under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. This means that the consumer has the right to know the quality, quantity, potency, purity, standard, and price of goods. Therefore, the Central Consumer Protection Authority needs to bring some guidelines to inform consumers when the weight of a product is reduced, instead of letting consumers be fooled by companies.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

World Rose Day is annually celebrated on September 22 in dedication to the welfare of cancer patients. Here's a quiz on the disease.

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
Greek physician Hippocrates described several kinds of cancer, referring to them with the Greek word 'karkinos'. This name comes from the appearance of the cut surface of a solid malignant tumour, with "the veins stretched on all sides". Which animal do the word and description denote?

QUESTION 2
What is the name given to any substance or radiation that promotes the formation of cancer?

QUESTION 3
Name the branch of medicine that deals with the study and diagnosis of cancer.

QUESTION 4
The pink ribbon and the colour pink are used as motifs to raise money and increase screening for which type of cancer?

QUESTION 5
This actor, who died from colon cancer in 2020, recently earned a posthumous Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Character Voice-Over Performance. Identify him.

QUESTION 6
Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines are vaccines that prevent infection by certain types of HPV. Which cancer do these vaccines protect against?

QUESTION 7
The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer is a book written by an Indian-born American physician and oncologist. Published in November 2010, it won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction. Name the author.

Visual Question:
Name this scientist who discovered radiation in the late nineteenth century and stumbled on the first effective non-surgical cancer treatment. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This is the earliest recorded peace treaty and is prominently displayed on a wall in the UN Headquarters in New York. **Ans: The Egyptian–Hittite peace treaty**
2. The four original charters of this important symbol of liberty were displayed together at the British Library in 2015. **Ans: Magna Carta drafted by Stephen Langton, the Archbishop of Canterbury**
3. The Louisiana Purchase culminated with this series of forced displacements of approximately 60,000 Indigenous people. **Ans: Trail of Tears**
4. This was the site of the Armistice between the Allies and Germany at the end of World War I. **Ans: Forest of Compiègne; The Armistice of 1940 between Germany and France during World War II also happened here**
5. This peace agreement refers to one of three peace agreements that were signed between the government of this country, and rebel groups in 2006, 2011 and 2020. **Ans: Darfur Peace Agreement**
6. This treaty is being signed here. **Ans: The Indus Waters Treaty signed in Karachi by Jawaharlal Nehru and Ayub Khan**

Early Birds: Sayanti Sarkar| Shivani Bhardwaj| Ansif Abdul Azeez| Settem Anjaneyulu

Word of the day

Mull
to reflect deeply on a subject

Synonyms: speculate, meditate, muse, ponder, contemplate

Usage:
I mulled over the events of the afternoon

Pronounciation:
https://forvo.com/search/ mull/en/

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INBRIEF

Anti-encroachment drive continues in Mahadevapura

BBMP continued its anti-encroachment drive on Wednesday where structures in Mahadevapura zone were demolished. The BBMP continued the demolition of an RCC bridge built on a sewage treatment plant of the BWSSB near Marathahalli police station. The drive was also conducted in Kasavanahalli, Greenwood residency. "The RCC bridge demolition will be continued tomorrow also and it may be completed by the end of the day tomorrow," officials said. Meanwhile, the civic body is also conducting the survey in Kasavanahalli and the marking has been done on the encroached structures.

From Page One

Congress launches 'PayCM' campaign

On scanning the QR code, people were directed to "40percentsarakara.com", a website put up by Congress over allegations of "40% commission" in contracts awarded by the State government. Karnataka State Contractors' Association had in 2021 written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging that most of the contracts awarded by the State government were being cleared only after paying a kickback of 40%.

Karnataka Congress tweeted on Wednesday the QR code, and asked people to register their complaints against corruption in the State government by scanning the QR code.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai hit back and said this was a conspiracy to tarnish his and the State's reputation. He said, "Even we know how to do such baseless campaigns on social media. There is no value to such a thing. The government will make efforts to put an end to any attempts made to tarnish the image of Karnataka."

Acting on a complaint by Assistant Revenue Officer, BBMP Sadashivanagar Police have booked a case against unknown individuals under Karnataka Open Places Disfigurement Act, 1951 and Prevention of Damage to Public Property, 1984.

Lack of desilting affects water-holding capacity of lakes, leading to floods

With no programme to desilt lakes regularly, the capacity of lakes is severely compromised, argue conservation experts. Some lakes may not have been desilted over the last three decades

WHAT AILS OUR LAKES

K.V. Aditya Bhardwaj
BENGALURU

A view of Bellandur lake following the heavy rain in Bengaluru early this month.

The recent floods that hit the city has again triggered a Storm Water Drain (SWD) encroachment clearance drive like many times before. But the city's civic body feels the floods earlier this month were mainly caused by overflowing lakes.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) said a total of 162 lakes were filled to the brim, of which 126 breached. A similar situation prevailed in 2016 as well, causing widespread floods in the south eastern parts of the city. The worst hit areas during the floods earlier this month were between the overflowing Bellandur and Varthur lakes.

This only points to severely dwindled water-holding capacity of our lakes, say lake conservation experts. With no programme to desilt lakes regularly, the water-holding capacity of lakes is severely compromised, they argue. A study has shown that in the year 1800, the city's water bodies had a cumulative capacity to hold 35 tmcft of water. The average rainfall the city receives today is estimated around 15 tmcft of water and this year, it was only marginally higher. However, if most of the city's lakes are overflowing and there are floods, it only means their capacity has dwindled severely.

"Some of our lakes may not have been desilted ever over the last three decades. How can we expect them to hold water? Desilting needs to be done regularly and scientifically with an ecological perspective," said Leo Saldanha of Environment Support Group (ESG). For instance, a bathymetric survey of Bellandur lake estimated 7.3 million cubic metres of silt sedimentation in the lake in 2016 and desilting has been taken up since then. However, it was stopped in April 2022 over rain.

With a slew of lake rejuvenation projects across the city over the last five years, some of the lakes have been desilted, but seem to be no better compared to earlier. "In most of the rejuvenated lakes, we find desilting to only be superficial. For instance, documents dating back to 1970 show the deepest point of Bellandur lake to be 10 metres. But today, it is hardly a few feet and the ongoing desilting doesn't restore the earlier depth. Most of the rejuvenated lakes have today become very shallow, with water-holding capacity severely compromised," said V. Ramprasad, lake conservationist, Friends of Lakes.

The way lakes are being desilted also add to the problems, argues Mr. Saldanha. "Desilting has become a contractor driven exercise. They run JCBs on the lake bed, which leads to compacting of silt with construction debris, sewage, plastic and other materials creating an impermeable concrete like layer of what is called slag, into which water doesn't seep in. The foreshore of a lake needs to be a slope, so that the vegetation at the edge of the lake filters away the nutrients and lets clean water into the lake. But we are desilting our lakes like a soup bowl and concretisation of SWDs also removes natural filters that used to avoid rapid silt sedimentation in the lakes," he explained.

He said the procedures of desilting and rejuvenation of lakes was part of Justice N.K. Patil Report upheld by the High Court and later incorporated in the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority Act, 2018 and most of the rejuvenation projects run by the civic body were violating these norms.

Lake conservationist S. Vishwanath said one of the biggest issues civic agencies face is what to do with the silt removed from lake beds. "Earlier, farmers around the lakes used it as it was considered fertile. Today, neither are there farmers in these areas, nor is the soil fertile. It will have high concentration of pollutants."

(Readers may email their comments to letters.bangalore@thehindu.co.in)

Some of the prominent lakes that overflowed earlier this month

Bellandur lake · Varthur lake · Sowl Kere · Chellakere · Vibhutipura lake · Horamavu Agara lake · Kasavanahalli · Kaikondrahalli lake · Nelagedranahalli lake · Uttarahalli · Gubbalala · Agara · Iblur · Gottigere · Yelahanka · Allalasandra · Jakkur · Rachenahalli lake

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'Mahadevapura zone most dissatisfied about civic amenities'

The Hindu Bureau
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As many as 8,405 responses were collected across eight BBMP zones covering 186 wards

Mahadevapura emerged as the zone with the highest level of dissatisfaction with respect to civic amenities and services delivery, while Rajarajeshwarinagar was the most satisfied, according to a Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) survey report on Bengaluru Citizens' Perception.

The survey report was released on Wednesday to understand citizens' priorities on civic services and citizens' perception about quality of services delivery in Bengaluru city.

"With the BBMP Council term having come to an end two years ago, and no elections in sight, such a study was important to get a first-hand feel of the pain citizens are going through in terms of various civic services and the big improvements that the city needs to make to improve the standard of living for its citizens," B.PAC said.

The B.PAC questioned the residents on citizen awareness and participation, governance, and civic amenities and BBMP elections. As many as 8,405 responses were collected across eight BBMP zones covering 186 wards out of erstwhile 198 wards via on ground and online during February to May. Revathy Ashok, managing trustee and CEO, B.PAC, said: "This survey is an honest effort to gather the opinions and perspectives of Bengalureans, be it hits, misses, and gaps of the last five years of BBMP council. We intend to convey these insights to the government/powers-to-be so that they can take action."

Zoo Club from October 9

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bannerghatta Biological Park will host Zoo Club. It is a 15-week programme held on Sundays starting from October 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with 60 students and includes theory classes and field visits.

Advocate, two others arrested for trying to sell leopard skin

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hanumanthnagar police arrested a 50-year-old man from Denkanikottai while he was allegedly trying to sell two elephant tusks on Ramanjaneya Road on Tuesday.

The accused, Kaaliyappan, told the police that he was part of a poachers gang that brought tusks to the city to sell them, but the police found a 'Forest Department' sticker on the motorcycle he was riding.

The police said Kaaliyappan confessed that the bike belonged to his son, who worked in the Forest Department, Hosur range, which was confirmed by the police.

The police are now probing the possible involvement of his son and suspect that the tusks must have been stolen from one of the storerooms of the department where wildlife artefacts are stored.

Earlier, the police arrested a 39-year-old advocate from Hosakote along with two of his associates for trying to sell leopard skin. The trio were caught red-handed while they were waiting for customers on the service road in Srinagar. The accused have been identified as Muneer Basha J., a practising advocate from Hosakote, Srinivasa Rao, 54, from Ballari, and Syed Akbar, 50, from Mulbagal. Investigations revealed that Akbar had sourced the skin from his source and approached Muneer Basha to sell it and make money, offering him a share.

In a similar incident, the police arrested a 47-year-old man and seized four figurines, including three elephants, and a Krishna idol made from ivory, along with tiger teeth, and eight nails. The accused, identified as Dinesh Seshagiri Seth, a resident of Hanumanthanagar, was caught red-handed at Maruthi circle while he was moving around jewellery shops suspiciously.

Recently, actor Darshan, who is the brand ambassador of the Karnataka Forest and Agriculture departments, was seen flaunting his tiger nail gold necklace during a visit to a temple.

The Forest Department took cognizance of this and stepped up vigil to monitor jewellers and goldsmiths using body parts of wild animals illegally in jewels. The Forest Department had earlier written letter to the jewellers association informing them to keep away from such practice.

Promoting tourism in Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Department of Tourism, Govt. of Karnataka, in its endeavour to promote tourism, organised marketing meets in Amsterdam (Sept. 16) and Brussels (Sept. 19). The roadshows are being followed by Karnataka tourism's participation in the IFTM Top Resa trade fair in Paris from Sept. 20 to 22. The State delegation is led by N.V. Prasad, IAS, Secretary to Government.

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RISE 06:09	SET 18:16
RISE 03:02	SET 16:06
FRIDAY, SEP. 23	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:15
RISE 03:53	SET 16:47
SATURDAY, SEP. 24	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:14
RISE 04:43	SET 17:26

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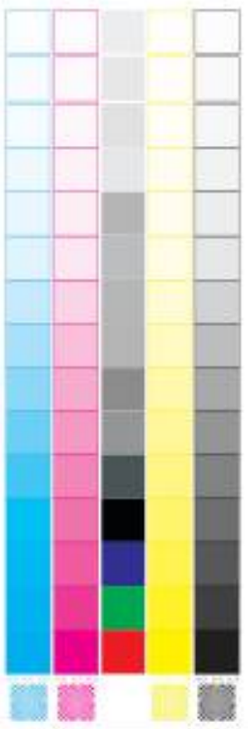

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Tenders finalised for one suburban train route

It is for the civil works to develop the Bayyapanahalli-Chikkabanavara stretch

The Hindu Bureau
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The 25-km stretch will be completed in 27 months, said Minister V. Somanna

The State government has finalised the tender for the civil works to develop Bayyapanahalli-Chikkabanavara stretch, one of the four proposed corridors in the Bengaluru Suburban Railway project, at the cost of ₹859 crore, Housing and Infrastructure Development Minister V. Somanna told the Legislative Council on Wednesday.

Responding to a question from BJP member H.S. Gopinath, he said that the 25-km stretch will be completed in 27 months and the second tender in the same corridor for electrification and construction of railway station will be called soon.

"Of the 25 km, as much as 8 km will be elevated section and the rest runs on ground. 85% of the land required for the project has been acquired, and the government is in the process of acquiring the remaining six acres," the Minister said.

Mr. Somanna said that the State government has so far spent ₹120 crore for preparatory work for the 148 km suburban railway project, and the tendering process for the other sections will be done soon. "Once completed, it is estimated that about 10 lakh people will commute in the train daily."

When the suggestion to name the project after former Union Minister late H.N. Ananth Kumar cropped up, Mr. Somanna said that it would discussed with the Chief Minister and the Cabinet has to approve it.

Lokayukta sleuths trap KIADB officials while returning bribe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Lokayukta sleuths on Wednesday trapped a special land acquisition officer of the KIADB and his assistant red-handed, ironically while returning the bribe amount he had received.

Based on a complaint, a team of Lokayukta officials raided the office and arrested the accused, A.B. Vijay Kumar, KAS, (special acquisition officer-2) and assistant Raghunath, land surveyor, charging them under sections of the PC Act. The complainant, Bhagath Singh Arun, had a total of 4.3 acres of land at Laggere. He had applied to get an NOC for 30 guntas of land which was not acquired by the KIADB. Vijay Kumar demanded and received ₹2.5 lakh bribe to issue the certificate. Agitated by this, Arun filed a complaint with the Deputy Commissioner of Land Acquisition.

To escape from inquiry, Vijay Kumar called Arun and offered to return the bribe with an additional ₹50,000 in return for withdrawal of the complaint.

Arun recorded the conversation and complained to the Lokayukta.

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NAGAR PARISHAD, CHAIBASA West Singhbhm (Jharkhand)

Corrigendum

This is with reference to E-tender notice no. CNP/109/2022-23 Published in news papers vide PR No. 277721 West Singhbhum (2022-23):D due to administrative reasons date sheet are being modified as below :-

NIT

Request for Proposal Tender Reference No.- CNP/109/2022-23

1	Name of Work	Bio-remediation & Bio-mining of legacy waste sites utilizing various methodologies/technologies under Nagar Parishad, Chaibasa
2	Estimated Project Cost and duration	9,00,84,700.00 Nine Month
3	Date of starting of sale of tender Document (Published on website Jharkhandtenders.gov.in)	24/09/2022 17:00 Hrs
4	Pre-bid meeting date, Time & Place	Online
5	Date of start of submission of bids	27/09/2022 11:30 Hrs
6	Last date for submission of bids (Online)	08/10/2022 21:00 Hrs
7	Last date for submission of bids (Hard copy)	10/10/2022 12:30 Hrs
8	Technical bid opening date	13/10/2022 11:30 Hrs
9	Financial bids Opening Date	Will be Informed on portal
10	Cost of Bidding Document (Tender Fee)	Cost of Tender document : 10,000/- (Non Refundable) to be paid through Demand Draft(DD) Payable in favor of "Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad, Chaibasa" Payable at Chaibasa
11	Earnest money deposit (EMD)	Rs. 2,000,00.00 (Two lakh only) (Refundable) in the form of Demand Draft) in favor of "Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad, Chaibasa" Payable at Chaibasa
12	Name & Address of Office Inviting tender	Office of the Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad, Chaibasa
13	Contract no. of Procurement officer	8797629742
14	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	npchaibasa@gmail.com

- Chaibasa Nagar Parishad, CHIBASA reserves the right to cancel the NIT as whole or in part without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- Tender document shall be available on website *http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in*

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No.Mun(4) Amrutha Nagarothana Phase-4/Tender/CR-31/2022-23 Date: 21.09.2022

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As per KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 Short term retenders are invited under Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Scheme and PPP Model CCMS Project, Eligible contractors may apply through e-Procurement Portal www.eprocurement.karnataka.gov.in (Rs.in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Work & Indent Number	Amount put to Tender	E.M.D
1.	Construction of road and Drain Works in Nanjangud CMC limits DMA/2022-23/OW/ Work_Indent/133724/Call-2	777.50	11.70
2	Construction of road and Drain Works in T Narsipura TMC limits DMA/2022-23/OW/ Work_Indent/134779/Call-2	379.15	5.69
3	Construction of road and Drain Works in Rammanahalli TP limits DMA/2022-23/OW/Work_Indent/132911/ Call-2	201.19	3.02
4	Implementation of Energy Efficiency Project for streetlights by replacement of existing conventional lamps with LED lamps along with Centralized Control & Monitoring System (CCMS) in Mysuru DUDC limits (except Mysuru City Corporation) through PPP mode MYS/DUDC/1/2021-22/Call-3	2950.00	29.50

Prebid Meeting **Date : 30-09-2022, 3.00 PM.** Last date of tender submission: **07-10-2022, Up to 5.00 PM.** Date of opening of Technical Bid: **10-10-2022, 5.30 PM.** Any changes in the tender schedule will be notified through e-Procurement Portal only. For details contact District Urban Development Cell, Mysuru DC Office new building Bannuru Road Mysuru.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Mysuru District, Mysuru.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. CAO/CN/BNC/77/2022 Dated : 16-09-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value	Date of Closing
1	Balance work for proposed construction of 4 Lane approach work of Road Over Bridge (work of approach by RE panels + RCC retaining wall towards Motebennur side) at KM: 380/300-400 in lieu of LC No. 227 between Byadgi & Haveri Stations. **Tender Ref. No:UBL-JRU-61)**	Rs. 15,77,29,048/-	06-10-2022 (15:00 Hrs.)
2	USFD testing of AT welds for the sections targeted for commissioning in Construction projects of South Western Railway. **(Tender Ref. No: SWR-CN-USFD-TEST)**	Rs. 21,76,353/-	06-10-2022 (15:00 Hrs.)
3	Casting and Fixing of Boundary RCC Pillar for forest area in Tumakuru - Davanagere New BG line at KM:21/680-22/00, 22/680-22/970, 28/500-30/960, 174/370-174/900 and 181/025-181-575. **(Tender Ref. No. TK-DVG-18)**	Rs. 19,76,076/-	07-10-2022 (15:00 Hrs.)
4	Balance works of platform shelter, ornamental fencing, paving, circulating area, road work, centre drain, side drain and other miscellaneous works in the existing Belagula Yard in Mysuru Division. **(Tender Ref. No: MYS-BLGA-02)**	Rs. 1,92,12,320/-	07-10-2022 (16:00 Hrs.)
5	Conducting Preliminary Engineering survey and traffic survey for single BG line connectivity by procuring and using digital elevation model technique/satellite imagery/Latest GIS /Geospatial solutions between Shravanabelagola and Madikere via Holenarasipura, Arkalgud, Konanur and Kushalnagar (117 Kms). **(Tender Ref. No: SBGA-MADIKERE-PET01)**	Rs. 58,44,850/-	07-10-2022 (16:00 Hrs.)

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No.: BBMP/EE/BD/Tend-09/2022-23 Date: 21.09.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short Term Tender Notification) Single & Two Cover Tender (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru-68 invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru or equivalent registration with KPWD / CPWD / BWSSB / MES / Railways / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below. **(Standard Tender Document - KW1, KW2 & KW3)**

Sl. No.	Ward No. / AC No.	Aprx. Value of work in Lakhs	EMD* in Rs	No. of Works
		Catagory : Others		
1	229	30.00 to 90.00	60,000/- to 1,80,000/-	6
2	230	30.00 to 95.00	60,000/- to 1,90,000/-	6
3	231	30.00 to 85.00	60,000/- to 1,70,000/-	6
4	232	30.00 to 85.00	60,000/- to 1,70,000/-	6
5	233	30.00 to 70.00	60,000/- to 1,40,000/-	7
6	234	50.00 to 80.00	1,00,000/- to 1,60,000/-	4
7	235	30.00 to 85.00	60,000/- to 1,70,000/-	6
8	236	25.00 to 75.00	50,000/- to 1,50,000/-	7
9	237	30.00 to 90.00	60,000/- to 1,80,000/-	7
10	238	20.00 to 97.00	50,000/- to 1,94,000/-	7
11	239	50.00 to 99.00	1,00,000/- to 1,98,000/-	5
12	240	30.00 to 66.15	60,000/- to 1,32,300/-	7
13	241	30.00 to 85.40	60,000/- to 1,70,800/-	5
14	242	7.00 to 90.00	17,500/- to 1,80,000/-	5
15	AC No.175	4.00 to 93.00	10,000/- to 1,86,000/-	9
		Catagory : SC		
16	234	30.00 to 50.00	30,000/- to 50,000/-	3
17	236	30.00	30,000/-	1
18	239	30.00	30,000/-	1
19	240	50.00	50,000/-	1
20	241	48.50	48,500/-	1
21	242	30.00 each	30,000/- each	2
22	AC No.175	35.00 each	30,000/- each	2
		Catagory : ST		
23	235	30.00	30,000/-	1
24	236	50.00	50,000/-	1
25	237	50.00	50,000/-	1
26	241	39.30 & 39.80	39,300/- & 39,800/-	2
			Total	**109**

* EMD in Rs. (One Lakh to be transfered through e-portal & remaining amount to be provided in the form of BG/DD/FDR)

(1) Tender document can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from **26.09.2022. (2)** The Pre-bid Meeting will be held on **28.09.2022** at **11:00 a.m.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560068. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **12.10.2022** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical / Financial bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division on **13.10.2022** after **4:30 p.m.** onwards. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Savithri Nagaraj, spouse of 636793F Cpl Nagaraj Bangalore Venkatesha Shastry resident of No.232, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, KSRTC Layout, JP Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore 560078 have changed my name from Savithri Nagaraj to Savithri M S vide affidavit dated 17/09/2022 sworn before VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bangalore.

I, IRENE Matilda D' Almeida, Spouse of No. 614987-A, Rank: Sergent, Name: Vincent D' Almeida resident of Shalom, Arch Road, 64 Manjunatha Layout, TC Palya, KR Puram, Bengaluru-560036 have changed my name from Irene Matilda D' Almeida to Irene Matilda Almeida vide affidavit dt: 20.09.2022 sworn before VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

I, SASIKALA Ragupathi Drai, W/o Ragupathi Durai, R/a B-301, Casa Grand Royce, Kodigehalli Mn Rd, Hoodi, K.R.Puram, B'luru-36 have changed my name to Sasikala Ragupathi vide affidavit dt: 21.09.2022 before Notary S.Vijayakumar, B'luru.

I, No.10490129X, Rank: HAV, Name: S Vedachalam, R/a Sergam Poondi (Vill), Perana Mallur (PO), Cheyyar (TK), Tiruvannamalai (Dist), Tamilnadu-604503 have changed my Son name from Yukesh to Yogesh vide affidavit dt: 12.08.2022 sworn before Notary Y.A.Chandrasekar, B'lore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
CCH:20
O.S. No. 25920 / 2020

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd., ...**Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Sudheer K Nair
...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. Sudheer K Nair.,
S/o. Mrs. Suprisan Devi,
Aged about 48 years,
Residing at No. D102,
Raja Rajeshwari Nivas,
Behind HTMT, Vijayee Nagar, Garebhavi Palya,
Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068

Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of **Rs.3,51,024.77 (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty One Thousand and Twenty Four Paise, Seventy Seven Only)** together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.

Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the Court, on 17/10/2022 At 11:00 AM either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 30th day of August, 2022.

By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Plaintiff Counsel
M.G.C. & Co., Advocate and Solicitors, No.66, 4th Cross, Xavier Layout, Bangalore- 560 047.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Puthiyadam Naveen Prasad Ajith alias Naveen Prasad A P alias Naveen Prasad S/o Ajith Prasad, R/o: A710, Krishna Shelton Bangalore Cross Road, Kattigenahalli, Bangaluru-560064, changed my name to Naveen Prasad for all purposes.

I, MANJUNATH, S/O.Pampanagouda Patil, R/O. NO33, Nt2, Ward 96, Cholanayakanahalli Vlg, Kasaba, Blr-32, have changed name to Manjunath Patil vide affdvt dtd 17/09/22.

I, ANURADHAMMA Aggarapu, W/O. Aggarapu Thirumalesha, R/O.F.No 304,Prestige Silvenoak,ECC Mn Rd, Whitefield, Blr-66, have changed name to Radhamma Aggarapu vide affdvt dtd 17/09/22

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL. HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU [C.H.No.21]
O.S. No. 25632/2021

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree Tower Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road, Bangalore- 560 068 and represented by its Collection Manager
Mr. Pramod G. ...**PLAINTIFF**
AND
Mr. Subhasish Das
...**DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. Subhasish Das,
S/o. Mr. Subhash Chandra Das Residing at No.23/24, 2nd Floor, Shanimahatma Temple Compound, 7th Cross, 2nd Main Shakamban Nagar, 1st Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore 560078
Also at
Vill Gobindnagar Post Lal Ganesh Road, Kanpur, Assam 781034

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 4,02,408.84/- as on 19/04/2021 along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'bleIV Addl. City Civil Judge, Mayo hall at Bangalore** (CH-21) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 21/11/2022 at 11:00 A.M. take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this 17th day of September, 2022.

By Order of this Hon'ble Court
Asst./ Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo hall, Bengaluru

Advocate For Plaintiff
ANVAYA LAW, ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH:20)
O.S. No. 25925/2020

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd., ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Ramesh., ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. Ramesh., S/o Mrs Sujatha, Aged about 46 years, Residing at No. 6-22, 10th C Main, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560010

Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of **Rs. 2,09,080.75/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Nine Thousand and Eighty Paise Seventy Five Only)** together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit till the date of decree.

Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the Court on **17.10.2022** At **11:00 A.M.** either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 14th day of September, 2022.

By order of the Court
Deputy registrar
CITY CIVIL COURT Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore

M.G.C & Co.,
Advocate and Solicitors, No.66, 4th Cross, Xavier Layout, Bangalore- 560047

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH:20)
O.S. No. 25924/2020

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd., ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Vinaya Chandran Kookkal., ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. Vinaya Chandran Kookkal, S/o Mrs K. Kamalakshy, Aged about 32 years, Residing at No. E 102, Trinity Sun Rise, Sompura Village, Bangalore-562125

Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of **Rs. 2,23,962.36/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Two Paise Thirty Six Only)** together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit till the date of decree.

Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the Court on **17.10.2022** at **11:00 A.M.** either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 14th day of September, 2022.

By order of the Court
Deputy registrar
CITY CIVIL COURT Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore

M.G.C & Co.,
Advocate and Solicitors, No. 66, 4th Cross, Xavier Layout, Bangalore- 560047.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 25494/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...**Plaintiff**
And
Sri. Bhaupal Singh
...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Bhaupal Singh,
S/o Sri. Sohan Singh, Aged about 33 years, Door No.302, Third Floor, Thigalarapalya, 2nd Cross, Hoodi Garden, Mahadevapura Post, Ganesh Temple, Bangalore- 560 048

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 5,50,959/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine Only)** together with interest @ 18% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 29-10-2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this, 13.09.2022

By Order of the Hon'ble Court,
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate For Plaintiff
S.A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE IV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CH-21]
O.S. No. 25185/2021

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LTD.
Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree, Tower Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road, Bangalore 560 068 And represented by its Collection Manager
Mr. Pramod G. ...**Plaintiff**
AND
Mr. Abdul Azeem...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Abdul Azeem
S/o. Mr. Abdul Suban
No.7, 389, Darga Road,
Mominpura, Near Badi Masjid, Gulbarga- 585105

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 7,70,526.71 as on 29/01/2021 along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble IV Addl. City Civil Judge, Mayo hall at Bangalore (CH-22)** in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 14/11/2021 at 11.00 AM, take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this 14th day of September 2022.

Asst./ Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court,
Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate For Plaintiff
Anvaya Law, Advocates And Consultants
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 25011/2021

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 ...**Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Saravanan S .Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Saravanan S,
S/o. Sri. Sarthagi Permal, Aged about 29 years, No.115, 10th Cross, 10th Street, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor, HAL 2nd Stage, Near Bus Stop, Bangalore- 560068

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.3,08,290/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 29-10-2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 13.09.2022.

By Order of the Hon'ble Court,
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate For Plaintiff
S.A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE LXVIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-69)
O.S. NO. 841/2022

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at : and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised Representative
Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...**Plaintiff**
AND
Mr. Chamarathi Siva Kumar Raju ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Chamarathi Siva Kumar Raju, S/o. Subra Raju Narayana Raju Chamarthi, Aged about 36 Years, Residing at No. 1701, Plot No. B, 007, Krishna Prakash Apartments, Akoba Nagar, Near A2B Restaurant, BTM 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru- 560029.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 6,03,638/- along with interest at the rate of 15% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXVIII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-69), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 14/10/2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 3rd September 2022 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar
Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate For Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU (CH-22)
O.S. No. 25588/2021

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road, Bangalore- 560 068 and represented by its Collection Manager
Mr. Pramodh G. ...**PLAINTIFF**
AND
Mr. Ravi Shankar Pandey
...**DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. RAVI SHANKAR PANDEY
S/o. Gauri Shankar Pandey
Aged about 43 years, R/at. No. 402, Sipani Bliss, Near Green Dot School, Chandapur, Bangalore- 562107
Also at: Kotwali Chowk, Bhouwara, Bhavara, Madhubani Bihar- 847212

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 11,50,288.95/- as on 15/04/2021 along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Mayo Hall at Bangalore** (CH-22) in personally or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 28/10/2022 at 11:00 A.M. take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this 13th day of September, 2022.

By Order of this Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo Hall, Bengaluru

Advocate For Plaintiff
ANVAYA LAW, ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
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IN THE COURT OF THE XXXV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-36)
O.S. No. 6461/2021

Between:
M/S. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, and branch office at 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative. Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...**Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Ajay ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant:
Mr. Ajay, S/o. Limbaji, Aged about 26 Years, R/at 47, Narayana Reddy Nivas, S Madahalli, Sarjapur, Sarjapur Road, Attibele, Anekal, Near Devi Temple, Bengaluru- 562125

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs.4,42,616/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XXXV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-36), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **04/10/2022** at **11:00 A.M** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the **3rd day** of **Sept 2022** at Bangalore.

By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar
Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bangaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', #3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

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Nearly 20% of government hospitals in State yet to complete fire safety audits

Hospitals had been directed to take up fire audits on May 7 after the PM's videoconference with Chief Ministers of all States as fire accidents had increased due to summer heat

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Nearly five months after the Health Department directed 192 district and taluk hospitals to conduct fire safety audits, 158 healthcare facilities have completed the exercise. FILE PHOTO

Nearly five months after the Health Department directed 192 district and taluk hospitals to conduct fire safety audits, 158 healthcare facilities (82%) have completed the exercise and 98 have got the fire safety recommendation report as of September 20.

The remaining facilities have now been asked to submit the audit reports by the end of this month. This is the third time that the deadline is being extended since May. Health officials attributed the delay to paucity of fire safety officers.

On April 27, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had a video-conference with Chief Ministers of all States, had suggested that all States should conduct fire safety audits in hospitals as fire accidents had increased due to summer heat then.

Following this, State Health Commissioner Randeep D. had issued an order on May 7 directing all government hospitals to conduct the audits and receive an NOC from the State Fire and Emergency Services Department. The hospitals had been asked to submit reports by May 21. While 163 hospitals were taken up in Phase 1, three hospitals in Phase 2 and 26 hospitals in Phase 3.

Subsequently, the department approved ₹82 lakh for the fire audit of 166 hospitals (at ₹50,000 each hospital under Phase 1 and 2) under the National Health Mission (NHM) and the funds were released on May 18. Funds for the remaining hospitals were also released thereafter.

Health officials said the grant of ₹50,000 for each hospital is the fee that has to be deposited with the Fire Safety Department after the audit is completed.

Audit complete in 14 districts

According to data from the Health Department, 158 of the 192 hospitals (82%) have got the fire safety audit done.

As per district-wise data, the exercise has been completed in all identified hospitals of 14 districts - Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban, Dakshina Kannada, Dharwad, Ramanagaram - (four hospitals in each district) - Davangere (6), Udupi (3), Vijayapura (5), Tumakuru (10), Chamarajanagar (3), Mandya (6), Kalaburagi (6), Shivamogga (7), and Yadgiri (3).

However, only nine districts have got the fire safety recommendation report issued by the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) so far. "After the audit, it usually takes over a month for the report to be issued," officials said.

The Health Department had identified one BBMP hospital, the progress of fire audit is the lowest in Vijayanagara (17%), Koppal and Kodagu (50% each), and Mysuru (55%). The progress is ranging between 60% and 88% in the remaining districts.

Good progress now

Attributing the audit delay in some districts to paucity of fire safety officers, Mr. Randeep said the compliance is good now compared to the initial period when hardly 10% of the identified hospitals had completed the audit.

"There were some procedural delays then. But, now the hospitals are waiting for the fire safety officers to come and audit their facilities. We have requested the Fire Safety Department to prioritise government hospitals," he said.

Exploring options to ease traffic on Ballari Road, govt. tells HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Wednesday told the High Court of Karnataka that it is exploring various other options, including a limited widening of the road, building a flyover/underpass, etc., to ease traffic on the roads adjoining Bangalore Palace Grounds, including the busy Ramana Maharshi Road (Ballari Road) stretch between Mekhri junction and Cauvery junction.

Also, the government told the court that its earlier proposal to offer Transferable Development Rights (TDR) to the occupants of the palace properties, subject to outcome of their pending challenge to the Bangalore Palace (Acquisition) Act, 1996 before the apex court, is not viable. The cost of TDR is astronomical, which cannot recover if the apex court upholds the palace acquisition law, the government has said.

The decision to explore other options to widen the road and ease traffic was taken during the meeting held on September 16 under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, said Additional Chief Secretary (Urban Development Department) Rakesh Singh in his affidavit.

The government also said that it will first explore the possibility of widening

It includes building flyover/underpass etc. on the roads adjoining Bangalore Palace Grounds

the Mekhri junction and Cauvery junction stretch using only the lands that are already available with the government.

It will also examine alternative access to the marriage halls and exhibition halls situated inside the palace grounds as vehicles of people visiting these halls clog the traffic on this stretch significantly, The government has filed the affidavit during the hearing of a PIL petition filed by Samarpana, a cultural and social organisation, seeking direction to widen the Ballari road stretch to ease vehicular movement.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty, which examined the affidavit, said that there is no clarity in the affidavit on the extent and manner of widening of the road, and asked the government to clarify these aspects. The government also told the Bench that the apex court, which in 2014 permitted the government to offer TDR subject to final outcome of the litigation on the palace acquisition law, had in May 2022 left it to the authorities to take a decision in this regard.

New design

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai reading the redesigned edition of *The Hindu* at his residence in Bengaluru on Wednesday. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

INBRIEF

Krishna Byre Gowda seeks action against land-grabber

Congress MLA Krishna Byre Gowda drew the attention of the Assembly to the episode of a land owner K. Gopinath who managed to get 23 acres of land from the government in return of 2.3 acres that was taken from him under the Urban Ceiling Act by the government in collusion with officials. Mr. Gowda pointed out that this had been unearthed by the inquiry conducted by Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner. He demanded action against the officials who helped Gopinath to get the government land and also urged the government to take back the land allotted to him. Revenue Minister R. Ashok told the House that the government would initiate appropriate action in this regard.

Fine on Dalit boy: Case registered against panchayat members

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Days after the shocking incident of a village panchayat slapping a fine of ₹60,000 on a Dalit minor boy for accidentally touching the wooden pole of a village deity and forcing them to stay out of the village, the Masti police have registered a case against eight members of the village panchayat under various sections of the SC&ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

The incident occurred on Sunday at the Hurulukere village in Kolar when the boy touched the pole attached to the village deity chariot accidentally during a procession. There were differences of opinion among various communities, but no one dared to go against the diktat of the panchayat.

It all started when villagers were in a festive mood carrying the procession of Bhootamma idol. The boy, an SSLC student, lives with his mother who is a domestic help at an apartment complex in Kadugodi. One of the men carrying the chariot stopped to take rest and supported it to a wooden pole, which was about to slip. The victim held the pole to stop it from falling.

Venkateshappa, one of the organisers, accused him of defiling the deity and complained to the village panchayat. The panchayath members summoned the mother and slapped a fine of ₹60,000 to "cleanse the deity." The family was also asked to get out of the village and not return until the money is arranged.

Police intensify probe into activities of two held for having links with IS

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

The Shivamogga police have intensified the investigation into the activities of two people arrested on the charge of having links with banned terror organisation, the Islamic State.

The police conducted searches in many places spread in Shivamogga and Mangaluru about the activities of the three accused. A team of police officials conducted mahajar at the residence of Syed Yasin, one of the arrested, at Siddeshwara Nagar in Shivamogga on Tuesday evening. Later, the team searched the bank of the Tunga near his house. The officers visited Mangaluru, where Maaz Muneer Ahmed, another accused, was residing.

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಉಡುಪಿ.
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಉಆಸಸ:ಬಿ.ಪ್ರ:24:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.09.2022

ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

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ಸಹಿ/- ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಸಹಿ/- ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ
DIPR/Kan/No.151/mca/22-23/962

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka enterprise)
EE, VJNL, UBP, Division No.01, Kadur.
E-mail: eeubpdvn1@gmail.com Ph.No: 08267-295207
No: V.J.N.L/UBP/E.E/D.1/kadur/Tender-7/Checkdam & Roads/ 2022-23/ 636 Dated:17/09/2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Only through E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM)

Percentage short term tender through e-portal in Two cover system is invited by the Executive Eng VJNL, UBP, Division No. 1, Kadur on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, for the works of Indent no. 2232, 2233, 2243, 2234, 2247, 2238, 2244, 2242, 2248 & 2245. The Contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website Www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 19.09.2022 to 27.09.2022 upto 17.30 hours. Details such as Amount put to tender/ qualification of Bidders/ Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be obtained through e-procurement or from the office of the under signed during the office hours upto 26.09.2022 (17.30 hours). Pre bid meeting will be held on 22.09.2022 at 11.00 AM in Office of Chief Engineer, VJNL, UBP Zone, Chitradurga. The tender will be opened on 28.09.2022 @ 17.40 PM at the office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division No.01, Kadur through e-procurement. The date of opening of Financial Bid will be intimated to the qualified bidders. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not bound to accept the lowest tender.

Sd/- Executive Engineer VJNL, UBP Division No.01, Kadur
DIPR/ckm/No.153/mca/22-23/963

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring it to the NOTICE of General Public, that **T.D.VIJAYAKUMAR**, aged about 55 years, S/o. Doddayellappa, R/at No. #70, Thubarahalli, Ramagondanahalli, Bangalore 560 066 has acquired the Western Portion of Property bearing No. 280 (old No. 30) of Thubarahalli Village, Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, which is morefully described in the Schedule 'B' property, from his father **Doddayellappa @ Yellappa**, vide Gift Deed dated 09/02/2015 registered as Document No. VRT-1-04753/2014-15 of Book-1 stored in CD No. VRTD238 in the office of Sub Registrar Varthur, Bangalore.

It is further notified to the General Public that **T.D.Vijaya Kumar** had lost on 10/08/2022 the Original Hakku Patra dated 10/12/1972, originally allotted in favour of **Doddayellappa @ Yellappa** issued on the occasion of 25th year of Independence Day, which is morefully described in the Schedule 'A' property. A Police complaint in this regard is lodged with Varthur Police Station, Bangalore, vide Lost Report bearing No. 0338345/2022 dated 20/09/2022. I hereby request that if any person/s come across or find the same, he/she/they are requested to hand over the same to the below mentioned address & they will be compensated appropriately for delivering the same to us.

The General Public are hereby further cautioned that if anybody deals with the Schedule site with any person/s on the basis of the misplaced/lost document mentioned above, they shall be doing so at their own risk & cost and such person/s will not derive any title to the Schedule Property and more so, they shall have no claim of what so ever nature against our client nor against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
(Originally allotted in favour of Doddayellappa @ Yellappa)

All that piece and Parcel of site bearing **No. 280/218 (Old No. 30) of THUBARAHALLI VILLAGE, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (earlier South Taluk)** measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 Square feet and bounded on : **East : Road, West : Site No. 31, North : Site No. 19 & South : Road**

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
(Western portion gifted in favour of T.D. Vijaykumar)

All that piece and Parcel of western Portion of property bearing **No. 280/218 (Old No. 30) of THUBARAHALLI VILLAGE, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (earlier South Taluk)** measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on : **East : Eastern Portion of the Same Property this day gifted to Subhash K and Suman K, West : Byalappa's Property, North : Thangamma's Property & South : Road.**

M/s. GANJAM NAGARAJ ASSOCIATES,
Advocates
Office at No. 312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE - 560 082.
Dated : 21/09/2022 Bangalore

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Short-Term Tender Notification No.: 23/22-23 Date: 20.09.2022

In the Short-Term Notice seen above Tender is invited through e-proc from eligible contractors for 3 works coming under Chikka magaluru and Koppa Public Works Department sub divisions of Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1 & 3) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs.10.00 lakhs and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs.100.00 lakhs. Of these 3 works Tenders should be submitted within 4.00 PM for 1 work on 29.09.2022 and for 2 works on 01.10.2022. In case these days are declared as holidays the next days will be considered. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice NO. NYS-COMML-36-SWEETSTALL Dated:- 15.09.2022
The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites tender for award of license to install and operate Sweet Stall at Mysuru Railway Station on PF No. 1 on Mysuru Division for a period of Five Years.
Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 12:00 Hrs. on 24-10-2022**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
Mysuru
PUB/377/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Sri J. ANAND KUMAR** S/o Late Chinnaswami Naidu, Residing at No. 150, 50 feet Road, 1st Block, 3rd Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560 085 has intend to Purchase the Schedule Property from the present owner namely **Sri GAJANANA SUBRAYA HEGDE** S/o Late Subraya Hegde. However any Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, Share or Interest in the said property may lodge objection and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 07 days from the date of this public notice.

SCHEDULE

All That Piece and parcel of the residential converted Land bearing **Sy. No. 281/2 (Old Sy. No. 281) Measuring 01 Acres 20 Guntas with 16 Guntas of 'A' Kharabu, Totally 01 Acre 36 Guntas Situated At Kodiyala Karenahalli Village, Bidadi-2 Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District** and bounded on: **East by:** Government Road; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Rajanna.K's Land; **South by:** Government Road.

Sri J. ANAND KUMAR
S/o Late Chinnaswami Naidu
150, 50 Feet Road, 1st Block, 3rd Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore –560085
Mob.: 9448073669 / 6361032907

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client is intended to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule below from (1) **YASMIN .R.**, aged about 28 years, D/o Mr.Shahulla Baig, (2) **HUSNA.R.**, aged about 26 years, D/o Mr.Shahulla Baig, AND (3) **SULTANA.R.**, aged about 24 years, D/o Mr.Shahulla Baig, (hereinafter referred to as Owners for the sake of brevity) and the said Owners have represented my client that they have acquired the Schedule Property from Sri.ABDUL HAQ, under a Declaratory Affidavit of HBA / GIFT dated 18.12.2007 in accordance / terms of Mohammedan Law / Muslim Law of Gift, and further represented that they are in peaceful, vacant, lawful, uninterrupted possession and enjoyment over the Schedule Property as JOINT OWNERS free from all claims, encumbrance/s and litigation/s etc.,

Any person / institution having any right, title, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above sale transaction between my client and (1) **YASMIN .R**, D/o Mr.Shahulla Baig, (2) **HUSNA.R.**, D/o Mr.Shahulla Baig, AND (3) **SULTANA.R.**, D/o Mr.Shahulla Baig, is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file objections/claims along-with supporting documents within **7 (SEVEN)** days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owners have clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and /or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable property Site No.102, Khatha No.1486/102, in the Sy.Nos.90, 98/1, 143 to 146, 166/1, 169/2, 166/3, 167/1, 167/2, 168 to 172, 176/1, 176/2, 177, 221/1, 221/2 & 222 of **HALAGEVADERAHALLI**, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now within BBMP limits, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No.1486/102, **No.1489/1414/102/1486** situated at BEML 4th Stage, Bangalore, together with all right, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and Measuring

East to West : 72' + 42/2 feet North to South : 60' + 68/2 feet
In all Measuring : 380 Square Yards OR 3648 Square Feet
Bounded on the East by : Site No.101 West by : S.W.D.
North by : Site No.96 & 97 South by : Road

P. MANJUNATH, ADVOCATE
HM LEGAL, Office at No.24/10, 1ST Floor, Haudin Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560 042,
Mobile: 9945036969 (Timings: 11.00 AM to 08.00 PM)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH RAICHUR
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION RAICHUR
NO./EE/RDWS&S/RCR/TS/JJM-2021-22/2022-23/ DATED : 21-09-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer RDWS & S Division Raichur invites tenders from eligible tenderers Registered under e-procurement civil contractors in Panchayath Engineering Department, for Providing water supply scheme to below works, as per KW-1,2, 3 & 4 Standard Bid Document Under JJM 2021-22 GOI&GOK Fund (90%) &Community Contribution (10%). The tenderers may submit tenders for the works given in the table in GOK e- Procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in only as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed.
1)Notification Date : 21-09-2022, 2)Download of tender schedule documents online : 21-09-2022, 3)Pre Bid Meeting at Office of the Executive Engineer, RDWS&S, Division, Raichur, 2nd Floor, Zilla Panchyath, Raichur: 26-09-2022 at 11:00, 3) Last date for receiving of filled tender documents: 30-09-2022 at 5:30 Pm, 4) Opening of Technical bid: 01-10-2022 at 11:00 Am, 5) Opening of Financial bid: 03-10-2022 at 11:00 Am
Indent Nos.:- Sindhanur:43603/CALL-2, 43604/CALL-2, 43605/CALL-2, 43606/CALL-2 & 43610/CALL-2, More details can be had from the Office of the under signed and also through our website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in by clicking the List of Tenders which will be link all Dept. works list.

DIP/Raichur/320/MAC/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDWS&S. Divn, Raichur.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 1st ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT, BANGALORE
MC No. 77/2019

BETWEEN:
Smt. Jamuna Rani H.R ...Petitioner
AND
Sri. S.P. Kumar ...Respondent

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

Sri. S.P Kumar, S/o Shankarappa L. V, Aged about 48 years, C/o Basavaraj, House No. 9, Abhishek Nivas, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Vinayak Layout, SHE Dental College Road, Munikolal, Marathahalli, Bangalore 560 037.
Also at: S/o Parvathamma and Shankarappa L.V, Varanasi, C/o Babanna, Muthuvadi Post, Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolar Dist.

Whereas **Smt. Jamuna Rani H.R**, W/o S.P Kumar, aged 41 years, No. 16, 16th A Main, Maruthi Extn, Gayathri Nagar, Bangalore 560 021, has filed Case No. MC 77/2019 U/s 13 I (ia) (ib) Of Hindu Marriage Act against **Sri. S.P. Kumar, S/o Shankarappa L.V**, aged about 48 years, C/o Basavaraj, House No. 9, Abhishek Nivas, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Vinayak Layout, SHE Dental College Road, Munikolal, Marathahalli, Bangalore- 560 037, which is pending before the Hon'ble 1st Additional Family Court at Bangalore. After knowing this notice you are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court **on 03/11/2022** personally or through lawyer to show cause why the relief claimed by the petitioner against you should not be granted, Failing which the Court shall proceed as per law against you.
Given under my hand seal of the Court on this the 21st Day of September 2022.

By Order of Court,
Sheristhadar,
Family Court, Bangalore
Adv. C.V.Siju,
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INBRIEF

Govt. ready for discussion on corruption charges: CM

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday told the Assembly that the government was ready for discussion on corruption charges against it. In a reply to Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah's plea to move an adjournment motion on "40% commission" charges against the government, which was rejected by Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, Mr. Bommai said, "The government is not running away from the debate. Corruption is not today's or yesterday's question." He asked the Speaker to fix time for the discussion on the issue. Mr. Kageri said P. Rajeev (BJP) too had given the notice to raise scams related to the government during 2013-18 and both would be clubbed together for discussion.

Over 1,000 Ambedkar Bhavans to become libraries

More than 1,000 Ambedkar Bhavans constructed at the gram panchayat level, which have remained locked for several years, will be used as public libraries, Minister for Backward Classes Welfare Kota Srinivas Poojari on Wednesday informed the Legislative Assembly.

Attack by wild animals: Compensation to be doubled

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday told the Assembly that the ex gratia amount in case of death of people due to attack by wild animals would be doubled from the present ₹7.5 lakh. Replying to a debate on the menace of wild elephants in various taluks of Hassan, the Chief Minister said the compensation for crop loss due to wild animal attack would also be doubled.

Anti-conversion Bill passed in Assembly amid Congress walkout

Legislative Council passed the Bill on September 15; the proposed law will replace the Ordinance promulgated on May 17; Congress terms Bill 'unconstitutional and politically motivated'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and Revenue Minister R. Ashok in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday.

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Wednesday passed the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2022, (popularly called the anti-conversion Bill) by voice vote amid walkout by Opposition Congress members.

The Legislative Council passed the Bill on September 15. With its passage in the Assembly, both the Houses of the Karnataka legislature have passed the Bill, which will now await the Governor's assent.

The Bill was first passed in the Legislative Assembly during the winter session in Belagavi in December 2021. But it was not cleared in the Council last year. An Ordinance was promulgated on May 17, 2022, which the law will now replace.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said the Right to Freedom of Religion is guaranteed under Article 25 of the Constitution, subject to public order, morality and health and to other provisions of part III of the Constitution. By virtue of these guaranteed fundamental rights, all persons are free to profess, practice, and propagate any religion of their choice. He said in Rev. Stanislaus Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh and Orissa (1977), the Supreme Court had held that the "right to propagate" under Article 25 did not include the right to convert another person.

> The Bill speaks only about forced conversion and not against any religion.
> **ARAGA JNANENDRA,** Home Minister

By 'allurement'

Defending the controversial Bill, the Home Minister claimed that in recent years the State had noticed many instances of conversion by means of "allurement", "coercion", "force", "fraudulent means" and also "mass conversion". These instances caused disturbance of public order in the State, he said. At present, no legislation is in existence in the State to prevent such instances which cause disturbance to public order and to punish persons indulged in such acts.

The Law Commission of Karnataka, after studying various laws on the subject and considering the situation in the State in its 30th report, has made recommendations to the government to enact a suitable law on the subject. Mr. Jnanendra said the Bill spoke only about forced conversion and not against any religion.

U.T. Khader, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Congress, said the Bill was "'unconstitutional and politically motivated".

The Bill would not stand before the court of law, he said.

MLAs deplore corruption in recruitment of VCs

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BENGALURU

2,300 posts vacant in State-run universities; Bill to set up eight new varsities passed

Members of the Legislative Assembly, cutting across party lines, on Wednesday deplored corruption and malpractices in the recruitment of Vice-Chancellors and teaching and non-teaching faculty members in universities run by the State government.

Speaking on the Karnataka State Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which proposed to set up eight new State universities in district headquarters, senior member Krishna Byre Gowda (Congress) mentioned irregularities and scams in the recruitment of Vice-Chancellors and faculty members and in promotions.

He said recruitments had been made without forming selection committees. Ineligible candidates and unqualified candidates who had not passed NET and SET, without Ph.D. and research experience had been recruited. Many faculty members had been promoted as professors violating UGC norms, the State University Act, and government rules and regulations, he said.

Mr. Gowda said widespread and rampant corruption caused deterioration of the standards of higher education in universities. The CAG report of 2018 and the Public Accounts Committee report had flagged malpractices in State-run universities, he pointed out.

Mr. Gowda said many MLAs recommend names for the posts of Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellors provide wrong reports to the Governor who is the Chancellor of universities, and legalise all illegal recruitments and activities.

Bribe for appointments

Eshwar Khnadre (Congress) said ₹5 crore to ₹20 crore was being paid for the posts of Vice-Chancellor. There were no basic amenities and facilities for students in universities and PG centers. M.B. Patil, P.T. Parameshwar Naik (both Congress), and A.T. Ramaswamy and G.T. Deve Gowda (both JD-S) said a large number of teaching posts were vacant in 26 universities.

Minister for Higher Education C.N. Ashwath Narayan said the Bill proposed to set up Bidar University, Haveri University, Kodagu University, Chamarajanagar University, Hassan University, Koppal University, Mandya University, and Bagalkot University. He said the department would come out with a new university Act to address all challenges and ensure transparency in the recruitment and construction works in universities. He said 2,300 posts were vacant in existing universities.

Upalokayukta's report on wakf property encroachment will be tabled in legislature: Bommai

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Basavaraj Bommai

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday told the Legislative Assembly that the Karnataka Upalokayukta's report on the encroachment of wakf properties would be tabled in the legislature.

Replying to a call attention notice by BJP MLA Raghupathi Bhat who sought action based on the report of then State Minorities Commission Chairman Anwar Manippady on encroachment of wakf properties, the Chief Minister noted that the Upalokayukta too had gone into the issue. He said the government would take a call on how to proceed with respect to the Upalokayukta's report.

Heated debate on delay

Meanwhile, in the Legislative Council, more than an hour of business was lost on Wednesday morning as the House witnessed chaos over the government's delay in placing the Manippady committee report on wakf properties, and later over denial of the answer to a question posed by the member, resulting in an adjournment.

It was interesting that the ruling BJP members staged vehement protests against the non-tabling of the Manippady committee report even after two years, and members raised slogans.

Vociferous demand came from treasury benches even as members were settling in their seats. BJP Chief Whip M. Narayan Swamy said there was ₹2 lakh crore scam in the wakf properties even as Chairman Raghunath Rao Malkapure tried to initiate the Question Hour.

While after much effort the proceedings commenced, din returned to the House soon as Congress member Saleem Ahmed protested after Revenue Minister R. Ashok sought more time to reply to a question about land allotment, land conversion, income certificate, pension, birth, and death. A miffed Mr. Ahmed, whose some questions have remained unanswered in the session, walked into the well in protest and some more Congress members also joined him.

Modified anti-land-grabbing Bill to be brought before House

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following concern expressed by a few legislators, the State government on Wednesday announced that it would modify the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which seeks to keep farmers out of the ambit of stringent norms related to land-grabbing.

Announcing this, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the modified Bill would be brought before the Assembly on Thursday for consideration.

The Bill had sought to amend the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Act, 2011, to avoid criminal proceedings against farmers who have encroached the government land in rural areas by excluding all the places from the purview of this Act except the places within the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and the city corporations.

While most of the legislators cutting across party affiliations welcomed the Bill, a few legislators, including A.T. Ramaswamy (JD-S) observed that in the name of protecting farmers, the proposed legislation would provide the green signal to land-grabbers to go ahead with grabbing government land.

Taking serious exception to keeping even the city and town municipalities and town panchayats out of the ambit of the proposed legislation, he pointed out that land sharks were now looking at these urban areas as there was not much government land left in BBMP and corporation limits.

He argued that there was no need to bring the Bill if the intention of the government was to protect only farmers as there were various other provisions to protect them.

Mr. Bommai assured the House that the definition of government land would be included in the Bill.

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.
No: EE/RDW&SD/BNG(U)/TND/07/2022-23
Dated: 21-09-2022
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited through E-Procurement for the works approved Under JJM Head of grants for the year 2022-23. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 06-10-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit Website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division
Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/2321/Advertis/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068.
No: BBMP/EE/BD/Tend-08/2022-23 Date: 21-09-2022
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)
Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with KPWD / CPWD / BWSSB / MES / Railways / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction works detailed below.
(Standard Tender Document - KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	**Package-1-BZ-BD-(W-174,189, 193) Name of Work:** Providing Name Boards & CC Camera in HSR Layout Ward No. 174, Providing and Fixing CC Camera in Ward No. 189, Hongasandra, Providing Supplying and Fixing the CC Camera all accessories in Ward No. 193, Arakere - **(3rd Call)**	299.00	4,48,500.00 (Rs. One Lakh to be Transferred through e-Portal & Remaining Amount to be provided in the form of BG/DD/FDR)
2	**Package-2-BZ-BD-(W-186,189, 193) Name of Work:** Providing Stainless Steel Street Signage Boards at Jaraganahalli in Ward 186, Providing SS Sheet Signage Boards in Ward No. 189, Hongasandra, Providing Supplying and Fixing Street Name Boards in Ward No. 193, Arakere - **(3rd Call)**	310.00	4,65,000.00 (Rs. One Lakh to be Transferred through e-Portal & Remaining Amount to be provided in the form of BG/DD/FDR)

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 26-09-2022.** 2) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **28-09-2022 at 11.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068.** 3) Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 12-10-2022.** 4) Technical Bids will be Opened on **13-10-2022 after 16.30 Hrs. onwards at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division.** Further details can be had from the above office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP.
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited by the Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Southern Railway, Salem-636005 for the following work:
Description:
Tender Notice Number and date: GEM/2022/B/2541095 DT.20.09.2022
Name of work: Mechanized Cleaning Of Primary Maintenance Trains, Cleaning Of Platform Turn Round Trains, Watering Of Pass Through Trains At Erode Station And Cleaning Of Depot Premises At Erode Coaching Depot For A Period Of Two Years.
Estimate Value : Rs.4,46,82,577/-.
Tender Closing date and Time: 12.10.2022 at 16.00 Hrs. Tender Opening date and Time: 12.10.2022 at 16.30 Hrs. Web address: http://www.gem.gov.in
The firms registered in GeM Portal are only eligible to participate in this tender. Complete details of the above tenders are given on the GeM portal **"www.gem.gov.in".** For Details of bid submission, please refer website portal "**www.gem.gov.in**". For Details about scope of work, approximate value of tender, location and other documents, please refer website portal **www.gem.gov.in .**
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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

RADHA. B
W/o Late Ramachandramurthy B
Passed away peacefully on 20 Sep 2022 in Chennai.
A very strong and assertive personality who lived her life the way she wanted.
Family members:
Harikrishna & Kavitha Boddupalli
Aparna & Ravikhiron Indukuri
Grandsons: Rajkumar I,Tarun B & Shreyas B
Email : hrkavi7@gmail.com

DEATH

SAD DEMISE

Shri. **K. THANDAVESWARAN** (76)
Retd. M/s Royal Enfield Ltd.
Attained Shivloga Prapthi on 20th September 2022
Grieved by
Wife: PARVATHY THANDAVESWARAN SONS, DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW AND GRANDCHILDREN. 9941069105

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

In loving memory of
Sri C.H. Venkataraman
S/o Late Sri. C.S. Hariharan
28 Nov 1944 - 22 Sep 2021
Beloved husband of Late Smt. Geetha Venkataraman
Memories of your laughter and playful antics bring us joy every day. We hope Amma and you found eternal peace. Miss you both!
- Shobha, Shubha, Balaji

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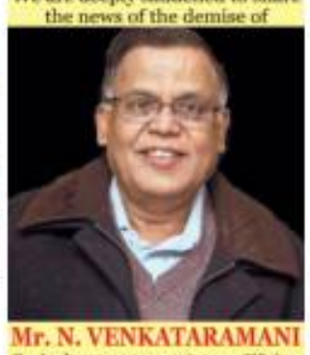
We are deeply saddened to share the news of the demise of



Mr. N. VENKATARAMANI
Expired on 18.09.2022 at 6.25 pm US time
Beloved son, brother, husband, father, father in law and grandfather, respected community member, cherished friend and humble servant of God.
Memorial services and Rites at Frederick Funeral Home Flushing, NY - 11358. Link to Obituary and Live stream of Services: https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/flushing-ny/narayanan-venkataramani-10932846
In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The Hindu Temple Society of North America: https://nyganeshtemple.org/donations-annadanam/
II Om Shanti II
Email: anithav1002@gmail.com

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

1st Death Anniversary
Shri Ravindran. S.
4/01/1948 to 22/09/2021
(Mini Contacts, Bangalore)
The pain of losing you is immeasurable.
You were our strength. We can't explain how much we have been suffering since the day you left us. This was the hardest year of our life.
Miss you a lot. Forever in our heart.
- Grieving Family.

'SC/ST panel has no power to direct govt. to withhold grants'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has said the State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has no power in law to issue direction to the State government to withhold the grants to educational institutions.

Justice M.I. Arun passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Sri Vasavi Education Society, Hosapete, questioning the legality of the commission's directive to withhold the grants to the petitioner-institution. The commission in September 2021 directed the government to withhold grants as an interim order on a complaint made by H. Hanumantha, who belongs to the Scheduled Caste community and was working as a headmaster in a school run by the society.

Disciplinary action

The school had initiated disciplinary proceedings against him for alleged misconduct and demoted him to the post of a teacher following outcome of the proceedings. Though Mr. Hanumantha did not question the legality of the disciplinary action before the competent authority, he had approached the commission alleging discrimination against him on the ground of caste, the court noted from the records. Meanwhile, the court pointed out that the provisions of the Karnataka State Commission for the SC and ST Act, 2002, do not empower the commission to issue such direction to the government.

The court also noted that the commission's direction to withhold grants was issued without even inquiring into whether the petitioner-institution allegedly discriminated against the complainant.

Uproar in Assembly over proposal to rename NTR varsity

Telugu Desam Party MLAs oppose the Amendment Bill, say all such acts will be undone once the party comes to power in Andhra Pradesh

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Loud and clear: TDP cadres staging a protest near Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences in Vijayawada on Wednesday. K.V.S. GIRI

On the last day of the ninth session of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly on Wednesday, there was uproar as the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) members stormed the Speaker's podium to protest against the State government's move to rename Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences (NTRUHS) as Dr. YSR University of Health Sciences (YSRUHS).

The TDP MLAs, holding placards, raised slogans such as 'NTR Amar Rahe' and 'Johar NTR' and opposed the 'Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2022'.

The protesting members threw pieces of paper on Speaker Thammineni Seetharam. Enraged over it, the Speaker threw his headphones, and announced a "break for some time."

Earlier, a wordy duel ensued between the ruling YSRCP and the Opposition TDP members.

TDP up in arms

Opposing the State government's move, TDP leaders staged protests at different places in the State.

The Opposition party leaders staged a dharna at the university and raised slogans demanding that the government withdraw the decision.

Tension prevailed at NTRUHS when the TDP activists tried to storm into the premises.

Later, the activists staged a 'rasta roko' on the National Highway.

Deny reports of Jagan voted as party chief for life: EC

Special Correspondent
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Wednesday ordered the YSRCP to publicly come out against media reports that said party president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had been elected as president for life.

In July, media reports had stated that the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSRCP founder was unanimously elected as the permanent president of the party. The EC had written to the party on July 19 seeking its comments on the matter. In its reply on August 23, the party informed the EC of "unanimous" election of Mr. Reddy as president, but "did not categorically admit or deny the specific allegation as forwarded in Election Commission of India's reference", the EC order said.

Any action against periodic elections was in complete violation of its instructions and if not denied, had the potential to create confusion among other parties, the EC said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: (NSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.30 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and central Maharashtra. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.9	25.6	Kozhikode	—	33.9	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	33.4	25.0	Kurnool	—	32.9	23.7
Aizawl	—	—	19.2	Lucknow	14	30.8	25.4
Allahabad	—	31.5	25.4	Madurai	—	37.2	23.6
Bengaluru	—	28.0	19.6	Mangaluru	—	29.6	22.9
Bhopal	12	32.0	22.4	Mumbai	0.8	26.4	23.2
Bhubaneswar	27.1	31.0	25.5	Mysuru	—	30.9	21.0
Chandigarh	—	36.1	26.4	New Delhi	0.2	34.1	25.1
Chennai	—	36.3	26.8	Patna	0.6	32.5	26.4
Coimbatore	—	33.5	22.0	Port Blair	—	32.0	25.0
Dehradun	20	33.3	23.8	Puducherry	—	36.8	24.8
Gangtok	—	23.1	18.5	Pune	—	27.5	20.3
Goa	0.2	30.8	23.3	Raipur	21	30.2	22.9
Guwahati	—	35.8	26.4	Ranchi	30	28.2	22.5
Hubballi	—	29.0	19.0	Shillong	—	26.2	17.7
Hyderabad	—	30.0	21.7	Shimla	12	22.6	13.8
Imphal	—	30.0	20.7	Srinagar	—	31.2	15.0
Jaipur	—	34.8	25.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.2	24.2
Kochi	—	30.0	24.8	Tiruchi	—	36.5	24.6
Kohima	4.6	27.8	18.3	Vijayawada	—	33.6	25.0
Kolkata	4	32.6	26.0	Visakhapatnam	—	32.0	26.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO₂	NO₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	24	33	—	35	73	
Bengaluru	7	14	57	42	131	
Chennai	3	39	77	132	99	
Delhi	26	71	—	116	217	
Hyderabad	6	6	16	158	107	
Kolkata	13	25	14	26	42	
Lucknow	10	62	60	64	68	
Mumbai	—	119	35	30	29	
Pune	25	27	28	96	55	—
Visakhapatnam	14	44	36	75	107	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwadi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 176 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 21.

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease.

Parambikulam dam's shutter damaged, Tamil Nadu begins repair

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

One of the three shutters of the Parambikulam dam in the district of Palakkad in Kerala was damaged on Wednesday, resulting in a flow of water at the rate of 16,000 cusecs towards Athirapally.

Water Resources Department of the Public Works Department in Tamil Nadu have commenced repair works. Though the dam is in Kerala, its maintenance rests with Tamil Nadu. The shutter, usually raised by 10 cm, automatically opened for the entire height of 25 ft. Engineers said a chain cut resulted in the counter-weight resting on the shutter and, thus, opened it.

Of the dam's total height of 72 ft, the storage as on Tuesday night was 71.45 ft and close to 5 tmcft would drain into Kerala. Officials said the shutter would have to be completely replaced and it would take about three to four weeks.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,
No.1, Buildings Division, SJP Campus, Bangalore.
Tel: 22255210 Fax: 22250755 E-mail: eebid1@yahoo.com
No. EE/Bid1/AE-3/20/2022-23. Date: 20.09.2022
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
The Executive Engineer No.1, Buildings Division, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract.** (Standard Tender Document - KW 3).
Calender of work : 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **20.09.2022 to 27.09.2022. 2)** Tenders must be accompanied by earnest money deposit specified for the work in the Table below. Earnest money deposit will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the Tender document and shall have to be valid for **45 days** beyond the validity of the tender. **3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m. on 27.09.2022** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines on **28.09.2022 at 5.30 p.m.** Other details can be Seen in the tender documents.
Name of Work: Supply of Essential Services to Offices under No.1. Building Division, Bengaluru. KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 156071. Apprx value of work: **Rs.50.55 Lakhs. E.M.D: Rs.1,01,200/-.** Cost of the document (in Rs.) **As per e-portal.**
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
DIPRCP/RC0312/AAPL/2022-23 **No.1, Buildings Divisions, Bengaluru.**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: SEE/Tr(M)/Ramanagara/EE/AEE-1/F-35/22-23/2703-05 & 2699-702 Date: 21.09.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT)
KPTCL invites bids for following works **On Partial Turn Key Basis.**
1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-1/ AUGOFTFRAT C.Circle/EPR-346 Dated: 21.09.2022 for Supplying matching materials and associated works for the work of Augmentation of 1X8MVA Power Transformer-2 by 1x20MVA Power Transformer at 66/11kV Chandrappa Circle S/s. **Amount put to tender Rs.9,10,804.00 and EMD amount Rs.9,110.00**
2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-1/ AUGUOFTFRAT BEVOOR/EPR-345 Dated: 20.09.2022 for Augmentation of 1X6.3MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer-1 (Make: Kirloskar Sl No: 96 T-J0057) by 1X12.5MVA power Transformer and providing 2x2.9 MVAR Capacitor banks at 66/11kV MUSS Bevoor, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District. **Amount put to tender Rs.21,70,278.00 and EMD amount Rs.21,703.00**
The bids will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in on the hyperlink e-procurement on or after 22.09.2022 16:30hrs.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (M), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL,
220/66/11KV Vrushabhavati Station Premises, Mysuru Road,
Bengaluru - 560026. Ph: 080-29620155

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Bagalkot district 1) Indent No-44979 (**Multi Village WSS to all Rural habitations in Jamakhandi and Rabakavi - Banahatti Taluks of Bagalkot District from Hipparagi Barrage Source (Scheme 1) on DBOT Basis under JJM.**) APT-2754404289.52
2)Indent No-47266 (**Multi Village Drinking WSS covering all Rural habitations of Bagalkot, Bilagi Badami, Guledagudda & Mudhol Taluks in Bagalkot District(drawing water from Alamatti Dam) on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission. (Scheme 2)**)APT-7104296355.07
3) Indent No-47265(**Multi Village WSS to all Rural habitations in Hungunda & Ilkal Taluks of Bagalkot District from Narayanapura Reservoir Source(Scheme 3) on DBOT basis under JJM**) APT-1614527659.39
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E-TENDER NOTICE No. CW/IMS/EnHM/ZVW/2022 dt. 19/09/2022
The Chief Workshop Manager, Central workshop, Southern Railway, Ponmalai, Tiruchirappalli - 620 004 for and on behalf of President of India invites ONLINE Tenders for the following work as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**
The tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for works in Golden Rock Workshops Extra Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tender will be accepted. It is the responsibility of tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to obtain Digital signature certificates for participating in e-tendering.
Name of the work & Quantity : "Collection of zero value waste from dedicated Zero value waste locations nearby Individual shops and from accumulated areas inside GOC shop, loading in vehicles using contractors man power and material handling equipments, transportation and pre processing at contractors premises and disposal in cement factories in eco friendly manner.- Qty: 5,000 MT-One year at Central Workshops, Goldenrock, Southern Railway, Tiruchirappalli- 620004.
E-Tender No.: CW/IMS/EnHM/ ZVW/2022 dt. 19/09/2022.
Approximate Value of Work: ₹ Rs.1,59,30,000/- (Rupees One Crore, fifty nine lakh thirty thousand only.
Cost of Tender Form : ₹5,000/-.
Bid Security Amount: ₹2,29,700/-.
Period of contract: One year.
Tender Closing Date & Time: 26/10/2022 till 15:00 Hrs
1. The cost of tender forms can be deposited only through online gateway payment through multiple Banks' Net banking which will not be refunded. Offline mode of submission of cost of tender forms will not be entertained. So there is no need to upload the scanned copy of financial instrument for cost of tender forms.
2. The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India as mentioned in Para 5 of Part-A of this tender document.
3. All documents to support Eligibility criteria in regard to experience and financial status shall be scanned and uploaded along with tender.
4. A complete detail of the above tender is given on the e-portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**
5. For details of bid submission, terms and conditions can be seen in the tender document. The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.
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No:KBJNL/MLID-2/PB-4/SCP-Vijayapur/2022-23/958 Date:20.09.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)
On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL MLI Division No –2 Babaleshwar, the under signed invites **tender on percentage basis (KW-4)** for SCP works from Registered KPWD Class-I Contractor for the works 1) Indent No.23117 - **Amount Rs.407.55 Lakhs** 2) Indent No.23116 - **Amount Rs.172.60 Lakhs** 3) Indent No.23115 - **Amount Rs.239.98 Lakhs.** The tenderers are required to upload **Two covers** containing the documents as mentioned in para 1.1 and the bids of bidders who have paid the requisite EMD & fulfill the conditions contained in para 1.1 will be opened.
Issue and submission of E-tender documents
The contractor can have access to e-tender document from **26.09.2022 to 10.10.2022** up to 5.00 PM.
Submission of completed e-tendering document will be up to **10.10.2022** at 5.00 PM.
Cover (Technical & Financial bid) will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL MLI Division No.2 Babaleshwar **on 12.10.2022 & 14.10.2022 at 11.00 AM respectively**
Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in **and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.**
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, MLI Division-2, Babaleshwar
ಜಾಜಾಕರ್ನಾಟಕ/ಕೆಬಿಜೆಎನ್ಎಲ್/ಎಇಇ-2/ಟೆಂ-11/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are here by informed that the below mentioned **Scheduled Property** is being purchased by my client **V.S.Abhinesh, S/o. Late V.Sreerami Reddy residing @ 28-19/6-2, Kothaindlu, Punganur-517247, AP** from the present owners **Nousheer Ahmed S/o. Mohammed Nisar Ahmed residing @ #348, 10th Cross, Ilyasnagar, J.P.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560078.** The owner asserts that the BDA property site No.837 had been allotted to him vide allotment No. BDA/AS/E-AUCTION/ARK-3/837/2022-23 dated 04-04-2022 and got registered from BDA on 15.09.2022 wide document no. BDA-1-02096-2022-23 in Book No.1 and CD No.BDAD1160. The Owner also applied for the khatha wide Sakala No.BD009S220001968 and awaiting for the same. Thus the ownership of the Scheduled Property Lies with the Present owner and is in peaceful possession of the same. That part, this legal notice is given to those that concerned any other person/s, financial Institutions etc, has/have any objection or claim of any nature over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, they are requested to lodge their written objections / claims with necessary documentary proof to the undersigned within 8 days including date of publication. If no objections or claims with proof forthcoming within the said period, our client shall construe that the Schedule Property is free from encumbrances and claims or hold. Further, any Subsequent objections or Claims raised by anybody thereafter the said date, shall not be considered and our client shall not be held responsible and our client shall go ahead with purchase of the Schedule Property from present owner.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that Residential Property bearing Site No.837 formed by Bangalore Development Authority, Situated at 3rd Block, Survey No.31, Sampigehalli Village, ARKAVATHI LAYOUT, Measuring (5.30+4.0)/2.0 Meters (East - West) and 9.0 Meters (North - South) Totalling 41.85 Square Meters and the property is bounded by :
EAST : SITE NO.836
WEST : ROAD
NORTH : SITE NO. 838
SOUTH : ROAD
Sd/-
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Panchayat Raj Engineering Department
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division,
Chikkaballapura-562101, Ph.: 08156 272603,
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Two Cover Service Tender Notification No.: 15/22-23
Date: 14.09.2022
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Itemwar Service Tender through e-procurement in Double Cover System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 is invited for Providing Consultancy Service as Third Party Inspection and Monitoring for all Constructions/ Improvements/Development and Maintenance of Civil/ Electrical works under Various Funds of Zilla Panchayat, Chikkaballapura District and other entities executed through Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Chikkaballapura Division in Chikkaballapura District (Chikkaballapura, Chintamani, Gowribidanuru, Bagepalli, Shidlaghatta & Gudibande Taluks in Chikkaballapura District). EE/Pred/3rd Party/2022-23/3. To avail terms and conditions and further details of this tender visit website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and participate in the e-Tender. **(1)** Last date for submitting application through e-procurement and submitting filled schedule-B in website: **14.10.2022 up to 16.00 hours. (2)** Date fixed for opening Technical Bid of Tender: **15.10.2022, 16.30 hours.** To obtain details of this Tender this division office can be contacted on working days during working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkaballapura
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Dangerous moment

Putin should see setbacks as evidence of the irrationality of war

Russian President Vladimir Putin's announcement of a partial troop mobilisation marks an acknowledgement of the limits of his "special military operation" in Ukraine and a readiness to escalate the conflict in response to setbacks. His original plan was to meet his military objectives through a limited war. He had mobilised more than 1,50,000 troops and ordered a sharp thrust into Ukraine from multiple fronts on February 24, but this plan did not quite work as Ukrainian forces, backed militarily and economically by the U.S. and Europe, slowed down the enemy's advances and made the invasion costly for the Russians. Earlier, Mr. Putin had to withdraw troops from around Kyiv and Kharkiv and focus on Ukraine's east and south where the Russians made territorial gains. But Russia suffered its first major battlefield defeats earlier this month in Kharkiv Oblast in the northeast where its troops had to retreat in the face of a lightning Ukrainian counteroffensive. This setback seemed to have quickened Kremlin's move to consolidate its positions in captured Ukrainian territories. Pro-Russia separatists in Luhansk, Donetsk in the east and Kherson and Zaporizhzhya in the south are now planning to hold referendums on joining the Russian Federation. As the results are known even before the first ballot is cast, the door is now shutting on the possibility of a negotiated settlement of the conflict based on the pre-war borders.

For Mr. Putin, the escalation comes with added risks. He went into Ukraine with limited forces in the first place because he knew that a general mobilisation, which would need nationwide conscription, could be unpopular. But almost eight months later, his war has not only failed to meet its declared objectives, which includes Ukraine's "demilitarisation", but has also seen a reinvigorated NATO throwing its collective weight behind Ukraine and expanding itself further into the Russian borders by taking in Finland and Sweden as its members. Mr. Putin and his Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu acknowledged the challenges on Wednesday. If Mr. Putin, who dialled up the nuclear threat, said his troops are facing the best of "the Western military machine" in Ukraine, Mr. Shoigu, whose Ministry till now avoided calling the military operation a war, said Russia today "is at war with the collective West". Faced with battlefield setbacks, sanctions and geopolitical challenges, Mr. Putin believes escalation is the way forward. But there is no certainty that a partial mobilisation would produce quick results and it could well trigger a cycle of escalation. All this means that the war is entering a far more dangerous phase.

Trade tactics

Foreign trade policy revamp comes amid stuttering growth in key markets

The Government will release a new foreign trade policy in the coming week, that could include measures to help push up goods and services exports as well as rein in the runaway import bill. The current trade policy was introduced in 2015. When its five-year term ended a week after the national lockdown to curb the pandemic, it was extended for a year considering the extenuating circumstances. However, the old policy's extensions beyond March 2021, especially the current six-month stretch that drags its end-date to September 30, are not as understandable. Beginning the new policy in the middle of a financial year, unlike the traditional clean slate in a new fiscal year, is not ideal. Moreover, exports have been one of the few growth engines firing up the post-COVID recovery, so putting off a policy to bolster outbound shipments was baffling. Enunciating India's strategy to cash in on a world seeking to become less dependent on China would also enable exporters (and importers) to plan their investments ahead. Last January, a WTO-compliant export incentive scheme was kicked off to refund domestic taxes to exporters, but the rates were only notified months later with a few sectors left out. Despite this completely avoidable uncertainty, goods exports touched a record $422 billion in 2021-22.

This year, the Government expects goods exports to hit at least $450 billion, but growth has slipped to the low single digits over July and August, while imports have been over $60 billion each month since March. A global growth slowdown and recession fears in Europe and the U.S. do not augur well; and though order books are still full, many buyers are seeking to defer deliveries. The new policy will have to find ways to provide a leg-up to exports and address some of industry's key concerns, including a buffer against rising interest rates. With revenues buoyant, it is also time to reconsider the stance to exclude key growth sectors such as pharma, chemicals, and iron and steel from the duty remission scheme. Having decided to keep away from the trade track of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for now, assertions that the Government has 'no bandwidth' left for new free trade pact negotiations though more countries are wooing it, and is seeking to slow talks with the Gulf Cooperation Council, are unnecessary. If there is a genuine constraint, a solution must be sought, perhaps, by roping in economic policy makers with residual bandwidth. But surely, there are better ways to drive home India's rising clout than by driving away potential partner countries, however small.

The ambit of fraternity and the wages of oblivion

Hamid Ansari
is the former Vice President of India, 2007-2017

"These principles of liberty equality and fraternity are not to be treated as separate items in a trinity. They form a union of trinity in the sense that to divorce one from the other is to defeat the very purpose of democracy,' said B.R. Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly, in 1949.

It is often forgotten that 'fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation' is, along with Justice, Liberty and Equality, among the basic values inscribed in the Preamble of the Constitution of India whose first line asserts, 'We, the People of India' have solemnly resolved to 'secure' to all the citizens of India.

The responsibility of the individual citizen

B.R. Ambedkar provided its rationale with remarkable foresight: 'We must begin by acknowledging the fact there is a complete absence of two things in Indian society. One of these is equality' and as a result of it we would enter into 'a life of contradictions' on January 26, 1950.

However, practical adherence to this commitment was given shape only by the Forty-Second Amendment (1976) in Article 51A (e) on Fundamental Duties.

It makes it the duty of every citizen of India 'to promote harmony and the spirit of common among all the people of India, transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities.

Significantly, the responsibility for bringing this about does not rest with the state but seems to be the responsibility of the individual citizen. We, therefore, need to comprehend the meaning and relevance of this pious wish. How has it become a political principle of relevance?

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A poet summed it up neatly: *Unka jo aqeeda hai who ahl-e-sayaasat jaanen; Mera paigham mohabbat hai, jahaan tak pahunche* (The politicians' creed, the politicians know/ (Mine is the message of love, be it heard afar)

The idea of fraternity is based on the view that people have responsibilities to each other. It was defined after the French Revolution in the following terms: 'Do not do to others what you would not want them to do to you; do constantly to others the good which you would wish to receive from them.' The vagueness of the definition suggests that, despite its place in the revolutionary slogan, the idea of fraternity was not clearly understood. It is generally seen as an emotion rather than a principle.

In the Indian context however, as understood and articulated by B.R. Ambedkar, there is a sense of the imperative in the emotion. This is reflected in the wording of this section of the Preamble where the dignity of the individual and the unity of the nation both necessitate this emotion, and thereby lend a sense of urgency to it. It thus becomes an essential ingredient of citizenship that can be evaded or neglected at the cost of the concept itself.

The shape of inequality

An aggravating factor, often overlooked, is the shape that inequality takes in different segments of our society. It is economic on one plane; on others it is regional, caste and religious. Some are spelt out, others understated, still others assumed. Sociologists have identified nine categories of people who are determined to be socially and/or politically and/or economically excluded. These particularly include Dalits, Adivasis, women and religious minorities.

Recent studies on religious minorities who constitute around 20% of India's population have traced discrimination relating to them to perceptions that relate to the very origins of thinking that brought about the partition of August 1947. They argue that violence was not merely accidental but integral to the foundation of the nation and that the need for fraternity coexisted with the imperative need for restoring social cohesion in segments of society.

Much blame for the haste displayed by decision-makers has been written about on the basis of the documentation made available subsequently and, at this distance of time, its validity cannot be dismissed altogether.

A primary concern of the Constitution-makers related to cohesion and integration of the units of the new Republic formally described as 'A Union of States'. In the words of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, 'the inspiration and the stimulus came from above rather than from below and unless the transplanted growth takes a healthy root in the soil, there will be a danger of collapse and chaos.' This was amplified by V.P. Menon as the integration 'of the minds of the people'.

In a speech in the Constituent Assembly on December 22, 1952, B.R. Ambedkar dwelt on what he called 'Conditions Precedent for the Successful Working of Democracy'. He listed these as: absence of glaring inequalities; presence of an opposition; equality of law and administration; observance of constitutional morality; avoidance of tyranny of majority over minority; a functioning of moral order in society, and public conscience.

Over time, uneven development has characterised the States of the Indian Union. Regional and linguistic diversity characterises them. And so does uneven economic development and progress, resulting in uneven levels of education, employment, social cohesion and contentment.

Question for the leadership

Seventy-five years on, a candid assessment of the state of the Republic makes us cogitate on evidence of regional diversity, assertion of linguistic identity and emergence of diverging political orientations. While the first two are physical and social realities, the third is a product of thriving diversity. Each is real, each is also disconcerting from the viewpoint of federal governance hitherto practised, and each seeks accommodation in a divergent framework.

Where does this take fraternity? Article 51A(e) of the Constitution does not differentiate between citizens on any of the categories mentioned above and makes it an all-encompassing duty. Its ambit therefore is universal; its observance, by the same logic, has to begin at the base of the ladder of citizenship rather than the top but does not spare the leadership from the obligation to promote and practise it.

Has this been done in practice? How often have social and political leaders of opinion promoted fraternity, incidentally or specifically, locally, within the region or nationally? The record is depressing; hence the ease with which non-fraternal patterns of behaviour seem to emerge in our society. Does this promote national integration, rhetoric apart? Was the bloodshed of 1947 ('10 million or one in every 35 persons in the subcontinent') a forerunner of lesser ones that followed?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The new look

As a long-time reader of *The Hindu* — for 56 years — I find that the redesign and its new format make it even easier to read; there is less eye strain. The white space has not been compromised and the new format is more clutter-free, bold and very sharp. The most appreciable design aspect over the years is a better 'aspect ratio': there is no need to flip to a different page or column. The 'snippets-photo feature' on the 'World' page, which gives a reader an idea of world happenings at a glance, is a welcome change. It is news in a nutshell. *The Hindu* has been evolving over time and the attempt this time to make the daily reader-friendly, or rather, senior-citizen friendly, is appreciated. I feel the space for the Editorials looks a bit cramped. It was interesting to note how *The Hindu* has evolved since 1889.
A.V. Narayanan,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

The new look is extraordinary. My compliments to Dr. Garcia and *The Hindu* for making it so pleasant to read the paper early in the morning. Remarkable is the word. I can say with all the conviction under my command that the very sight of *The Hindu* leaves all other papers far behind.
K.R.A. Narasiah,
Chennai

The new product is aesthetically pleasing as a result of the arrangement of the text in an easy-to-read manner. The eyes ran through the columns seamlessly and without strain. The makeover has bolstered the reading experience. *The Hindu* is a serious newspaper and a 'window of the world'. The changes reflect great care and attention to detail. In one word: *The Hindu* in its new format has been 'unputdownable'. The daily exemplifies the maxim, 'comment is free, but facts are sacred' and advances the causes of democracy, freedom and justice.
G. David Milton,
Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu

It was a shock to find the space for readers' letters, under the 'Letters to the Editor' column, drastically reduced. Letters from readers on various topics also add to the rich experience of thought and enhance the pleasure of reading. In this connection, I wish to recollect the comments made by Khushwant Singh, which was published as a letter [October 18, 2011]: "I go over a dozen morning papers every day. The only one I read from cover to cover including readers' letters is *The Hindu*. I find its news coverage reliable, authentic and comprehensive. I cannot say that about any other daily, Indian or foreign. It is a pleasure going through its columns: they inform, teach and amuse. I even wrestle with its crossword puzzle every day. You, Mr. Editor, and your staff deserve praise for giving India the most readable daily in the world. Congratulations."
D. Sethuraman,
Chennai

I am an octogenarian who has been reading *The Hindu* for the last 65 years. I have seen many a change effected in the format of the daily. Now, at 144, the redesigned *The Hindu* is 'bold and beautiful'. Some of the design changes are a bit odd. And, when did the phrase 'In brief' become a single word though an attempt has been made at a differentiation using two colours? Dr. Garcia deserves our compliments for his grand work.
R. Soundararajan,
Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu

I would like to congratulate *The Hindu*, a mass leading newspaper for having completed 144 years of service to the reading fraternity. The redesign is a whiff of fresh air. The increase in font size keeping in mind the senior citizen is laudable. My best wishes for being steady in a changing world of journalism.
N. Nanjundaswamy,
Bengaluru

The increase in font size and the thought given to white space make the reading experience a pleasant one. I find the headings in bold with their increased font size to be a bit jarring. Some of the old can still be good.
K. Jaganathan,
Chennai

The redesigned daily looks young after its facial. The space between the columns is 'palatial'. The larger-than-life quotation marks are ornamental like a turban. With pointers such as underlining and arrow heads, there is much visual delight. However, the 'Letters to the Editor' column looks like a lost girl searching for a balloon in a festive crowd. With its head held high, in its quest for the truth and nothing but the truth, *The Hindu* marches on with the same old resolve, but in a shining new uniform.
P. David Balasingh,
Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu

I have been an avid reader of the daily for over five decades. The new design and layout are good and I can read without experiencing much of a strain. I do appreciate the efforts that have been taken to redesign the pages. But I would also suggest that the earlier system of reporting the quantum rise or fall of the Sensex with green or red indicators on the 'Business' page be revived. It was eye catching and helped a reader perceive developments at a glance. Otherwise, one has to calculate the quantum with the given percentage and know the closing figure of the previous day. Or, the percentage may also be given with a plus or minus sign along the index.
Cauvery Palani,
Chennai

The daily is now even more striking than ever before. The new-look headlines with bold typefaces, the increased font-size, new layouts, and increased column width with distinctive lines all add to a resplendent look. These elements provide an altogether new and delightful reading experience. Media consultant and renowned designer Mario Garcia deserves huge appreciation. It has been a phenomenal and incredible journey for *The Hindu* over 144 years. It is heartening that it is committed to adapting itself to the changing times.
R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

True to the description in the Editor's note, the new version of *The Hindu* is bold and beautiful. I also add that it is impressive. The methodical arrangement of news items along with accompanying photographs makes it convenient for the reader to navigate through the pages and grasp their contents. The increase in font size makes it reader-friendly, especially for senior citizens. I hope the space for 'Letters to the Editor' is not reduced. On the whole, the latest *avatar* of the daily is a perfect birthday gift.
B. Suresh Kumar,
Coimbatore

I have been a reader for nearly six decades. What separates the daily from its Indian counterparts is the quality of its writing and the depth of its content. If these cardinal virtues are maintained, then the redesign will be a net positive. An area of concern is the steady erosion of space allocated for the 'Letters to the Editor' section. This column, based on reader feedback, captures the true pulse of the nation.
G. Parameswaran,
Coimbatore

I have been an addict of *The Hindu* since boyhood. A cup of hot coffee in the morning along with *The Hindu* is always a refreshing experience. Now about the pros and cons. The pros outweigh the cons, which are minimal. As a senior citizen, what attracted me is the visual appeal now with an 'eye-friendly' font size. I can now read at night without much of a strain to the eyes. The new look is contemporary in its layout and it is far easier to navigate through the news content. Some suggestions if they can be accepted: The day and date line could find a place in the centre under the masthead. The tag line, "India's national newspaper since 1878", could be in bolder font on top or just below the masthead. The Editorials should have the day of publication mentioned as this is a feature very useful for future reference. The new avatar is 'clean, sharp and bold'.
V. N. Gopal,
Chennai

Better than the best! I have been reading *The Hindu* for 55 years and have seen quite a few redesigns over the years. Each one has progressed to be more sophisticated than its previous version. I am tempted to comment on the redesign by highlighting the eight elephant stories in Kottarathil Sankunny's famous book in Malayalam, *'Iteehya Maala* (A garland of ancient stories'). In his forward to each story of an elephant which lived in ancient Kerala, he would say 'no elephant more gorgeous, more handsome and cleverer than this one has ever set his feet in this Malayalam world', leaving the reader to wonder which tusker was the best among them. Similarly, the new format shines gloriously. But the old never pales.
Sanath Kumar T.S.
Thrissur, Kerala

It has been nothing but sheer joy to experience the redesigned newspaper. The bold new look and fonts make it easier to navigate from one article to another effortlessly. The bigger photos and graphics are pleasing to the eye. The facelift curated by Dr. Garcia is a visual treat, especially for the avid reader.
Deepa Viswanath,
Bengaluru

I was a bit taken aback to receive a copy of the new look *The Hindu*, which claimed to be 'cleaner, sharper, and bolder' (J1, "Bold and beautiful", September 20). The previous *avatar* was more reader-friendly. My only suggestion, as a reader of the esteemed daily for over three decades, is please allocate more space for the 'Letters to the Editor' column.
A. Jainulabdeen,
Chennai

I am a retired professor of engineering and an avid fan of *The Hindu*for over five decades. With the redesign, the new look *The Hindu* has lost its grace and looks ordinary.
D.L. Manjunath,
Gowrikoppal, Karnataka

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A risky new status quo

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India and China appear to be mending fences, gingerly. Relations have been icy since China launched multiple incursions across the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh in mid-2020. After years of inconclusive military talks and halting "disengagement" from sites of confrontation, the rivals made inching progress last week. They completed disengagement in an area known as Patrolling Point 15 (PP15), pulling troops back to create a demilitarised buffer zone, and their leaders met in person at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Samarkand.

The tentative conciliatory steps between two nuclear-armed rivals are important; but they also carry risks, especially for India.

Despite the latest round of disengagement, the LAC remains deeply unsettled. Observers have pointed out that the buffer zones produced by the crisis inhibit India's ability to patrol its own territory. And India and China have tacitly agreed to postpone settlement at two other confrontation sites, including a particularly tactically valuable area known as Depsang. The buffer zones and Depsang's status both suit China's objectives because they limit India's military activities near the LAC, which analysts judge had partly motivated China's initial incursions in 2020.

Similarly, the military threat on the border is not only undiminished, but has actually grown over the course of the crisis. The reinforcements that each side deployed since 2020 have not returned to garrison. Even if future rounds of talks continue "disengagement and de-escalation," and reduce those forces, returning to the status quo ante is now impossible. Both sides have raced to build permanent military infrastructure near the border, to help them surge forces to the border. Unsurprisingly, China seems to have outpaced India in building these roads, helipads, and communications nodes.

China still claims Arunachal Pradesh as its own, and just as it has pressed its maritime claims once its growing capabilities permit, its military build-up may portend increasing pressure in coming years. Even without a deliberate attack, the increasing capabilities and mobility on both sides of the border means that a crisis can more quickly escalate to a large military stand-off anywhere on the LAC, and possibly even trigger a conflict.

Strategic implications

As vexatious as the tactical picture may be on the border, the strategic implications are more dire. For over two years, the land border has become the overwhelming priority in India's military competition with China. India has reassigned one of three originally Pakistan-facing Strike Corps to the China front. It has deployed its newest artillery, fighter jets, and drones to the China border.

At the same time, India has not significantly improved its capabilities or posture in the Indian Ocean region. Granted, a suite of impressive new capabilities – from cruise missile-equipped fighters and U.S.-origin naval helicopters to a brand-new indigenously-built aircraft carrier – are inching towards fruition. But these programmes were all initiated before the border crisis, when the Indian military was incrementally modernising its capabilities for the Indian Ocean.

Whether or not by design, this must delight Beijing. As India and China jostle for security and influence in Asia, the contest in the Indian Ocean will inevitably intensify. Their respective capabilities to project military force across the Ocean, to coerce or defend smaller regional States, and to establish an enduring strategic presence there, will determine the Asian balance of power. With the border crisis, China seems to have successfully fixed India's gaze to the land border, at the expense of that more consequential competition over the Indian Ocean.

Disengagement at PP15, and especially continued "disengagement and de-escalation," has the potential to ameliorate this strategic trap. A progressively less urgent threat will tempt New Delhi to de-emphasise military readiness on the border. This could be a golden opportunity for Indian planners to work towards long-term military modernisation and political influence across the Indian Ocean region. But a likelier and riskier outcome is that decision makers will prioritise other, more politically salient issues, like gaining quick wins in the campaign for *Atmanirbharta* in defence industry – which may come at the expense of modernisation.

Paradoxically, then, a cooling crisis on the border may teach India the wrong lesson: that the short-term expedient of greater readiness is enough to see off the Chinese threat. In fact, and especially for the strategic prize of the Indian Ocean region, the challenge posed by China cannot be met without long-term growth in Indian national capacity. That, in turn, requires coherent strategic assessments and the political will to balance readiness with modernisation.

The tentative conciliatory steps between nuclear-armed rivals at the LAC are important, but come with riders for India

AFP

The failure of fire safety norms

The Secunderabad accident has brought back focus on illegal building structures

STATE OF PLAY

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The horrific fire accident on September 12 in Secunderabad, Telangana, in which eight guests of a hotel were asphyxiated, was just one among several occasions when debate on illegal structures gets stoked, only to die away eventually in the humdrum of urban life.

Leaders, right from the mayor of the city up to the Prime Minister of the country, expressed sorrow over the mishap. For the common public, the accident and the whole line-up of regret to ex-gratia, was just a *deja vu* from six months ago, when 12 persons, all of them daily wage labourers from Bihar, died in a fire accident at Bhoiguda, another part of Secunderabad.

In the recent incident, fire erupted in the basement of the structure, and the plumes of smoke enveloped the hotel in the upper floors, choking the guests. The basement was unauthorised, as also the top floor of the building, both of which represented gross deviations from the plan sanctioned by the civic body.

A report by the Regional Fire Officer pointed out several irregularities, including absence of set-back spaces and escape routes, defunct fire-fighting equipment, spiral staircase around the elevator shaft, basement utilised illegally for commercial purposes, and absence of smoke management and emergency lighting. The building has been thriving for the past 8-9 years, under the protection offered by the Building Regularisation Scheme (BRS), 2015.

Since 1998, the era of the joint State of Andhra Pradesh,

the BRS has become a hope for deviant builders to circumvent the norms, and a pretext for successive governments to make money under the justification of 'fait accompli'. The standard defence had been that the builder would go scot-free in case of any action, while the innocent occupants of the building would have to suffer for no fault of theirs.

This went on till 2016, when the BRS announced by the Telangana State government the previous year was challenged in the High Court. The process then came to an abrupt halt, not before 1.13 lakh property owners submitted their applications seeking regularisation. The owner of the ill-fated building at Secunderabad where the fire occurred, was one of the applicants to the scheme. Though the process has been since stalled, the authorities have not taken any action against the deviations, except charging the owners double the normal amount of property tax and power bills.

Seeking safety clearances

Applicability of fire safety norms is another gap through which several builders escape. As per the Telangana Fire Services Act, 1999, only residential buildings above 18 metres' height and commercial buildings above 15 metres' height are obligated to seek fire safety clearances. Almost all commercial establishments where fire mishaps took place in recent past did not fall into the category. The Secunderabad building, inclusive of all deviations, was one such. It was never inspected by the fire services until the accident.

Amendment to the law to encompass commercial structures for fire safety inspections, irrespective of their height, will go a long way in ensuring compliance.

A 2016 clause introduced into building norms was instrumental in preventing several fire mishaps in the making, by stipulating mandatory 10% mortgage of the constructed space of any multi-storeyed building with the municipal authorities as indemnity for compliance with rules. The clause, if extended to all commercial buildings irrespective of their size, could save many lives in the future.

Enforcement is another key aspect with failure by the civic authorities writ large. Much fanfare preceded the launch of the Enforcement, Vigilance and Disaster Management (EVDM) wing four years ago, as an adjunct to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). After initial buzz against lack of fire safety in hospitals and pubs, the wing has been now reduced to slapping penalties against illegal flexi banners and boards.

Special task forces were formed at zonal level of GHMC over a year ago, with the express mandate to crack the whip against illegal structures. Since then, enforcement has become nobody's baby. Complaints against illegal structures go unheeded across various grievance platforms of the GHMC and the Municipal Administration. Continuance of such anarchy, incentivised by frequent regularisation offers, puts a big question mark on the very relevance of building norms.

Flood woes are a recent phenomenon in Karnataka

Karnataka's share in India's flood-related deaths surged to 7-8% in the last two decades

DATA POINT

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Heavy rainfall during the last week of August and first week of September brought Bengaluru to a standstill. Flooding of offices and houses, traffic bottlenecks and power outages were recorded across the Silicon Valley of India. On August 27, the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway was inundated with flood water after the Inorapalya lake breached the banks. Three days later, the outer ring road was flooded as water from Savalakere lake overflowed.

While the Bengaluru floods made headlines in recent days, the monsoon season has claimed many lives and damaged several public and private properties across the State this year. As many as 96 lives were lost since June, crops in 5.8 lakh hectares of land were lost, 1,471 bridges and 2,223 km of roads were damaged. In total, the estimated losses amounted to ₹7,647 crore.

A recent phenomenon

In the last two decades, the number of lives lost to floods have sharply increased in the State. In the last decade (2011-20) and the one before (2001-10), Karnataka's share in India's flood-related deaths ranged between 7-8%. In the 2000s, the State had the fourth highest share of flood-related deaths among major States. In the last decade, it had the seventh-highest share.

In contrast, in the decades before 2000s, Karnataka's share was negligible. The State's share in India's flood-related deaths ranged between 0-3% in all the previous decades. **Table 1** lists a State's share in India's total deaths due to flood in each decade. For instance, Gujarat formed 10% of the total fatalities in the 2001-10 period, and 8% in the last decade (2011-20).

Across all decades, Uttar Pradesh's share has consistently been 17% or above. West Bengal, Gujarat and Bihar also accounted for a high share in India's flood-related fatalities in most decades.

The above trends have to be read with caution, given the wide variation in States' population. Also the numbers were for undivided Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

Unique pattern

Table 2 lists the decadal share of a State's total flood-related deaths in the 1953-2020 period. For instance, of all the deaths due to floods recorded in Karnataka in the period, 34% occurred in the last decade, while 39% happened in the decade before that. Similar to the trend observed in Table 1, Karnataka's flood-related fatalities were significantly lower in the decades before the 2000s.

Infact, in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, Karnataka's share in India's fatalities as shown in table 1 and the decadal share in State's overall deaths as shown in table 2, were either barely present or non-existent. This reiterates the fact that Karnataka's troubles related to floods are a recent phenomenon.

Outliers

In 1977, 11,316 lives were lost to floods – the most for any given year – of which 9,974 were lost in Andhra Pradesh. Floods damaged 39.6 lakh houses in India in 2015 – the highest number of houses destroyed due to floods in any year between 1953 and 2020.

(With inputs from Bengaluru Bureau)

The deluge meter

The following tables show whether the share of flood-related deaths have increased, decreased or stayed put over the last seven decades across States. The charts highlight the outlier years when floods caused the most damage in terms of human lives lost, cattle lives lost and houses damaged. The data were gathered from "State-wise flood damage statistics: 1953-2020", report prepared by the Central Water Commission

Table 1: Table lists a State's % share in India's total flood-related deaths in each decade

Decades →	1953-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-00	2001-10	2011-20
U.P.	26	16	14	24	20	17	17
M.P.	1	2	1	2	3	7	11
Bihar	4	8	3	9	15	20	9
Gujarat	5	10	10	11	4	10	8
Maharashtra	4	3	1	11	6	2	8
Kerala	1	3	2	4	7	2	8
W.B.	8	30	8	5	13	7	7
Karnataka	0	1	0	2	3	8	7
H.P.	4	0	2	2	5	3	4
Assam	3	3	2	4	3	5	4
T.N.	1	1	5	4	3	3	3
Rajasthan	0	1	4	2	3	3	3
J&K U.T.	6	0	1	2	4	0	2
Arunachal	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
Punjab	22	2	1	5	3	1	1
Andhra	6	16	43	10	5	6	1
Odisha	6	2	2	2	1	3	1
Haryana	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tripura	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sikkim	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 2: Table lists the % decadal share of a State's total flood-related deaths in 1953-2020 period

Decades →	1953-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-00	2001-10	2011-20	Total
Manipur	0	0	18	19	0	4	59	100
Arunachal	0	0	0	3	12	38	47	100
M.P.	1	3	7	7	13	27	43	100
Meghalaya	0	0	1	38	9	9	43	100
Karnataka	0	3	1	10	13	39	34	100
Kerala	1	6	12	14	27	9	31	100
Sikkim	0	0	1	50	21	0	28	100
H.P.	4	0	15	10	29	16	26	100
Maharashtra	3	5	6	36	21	5	24	100
Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	76	24	100
Assam	3	8	12	19	14	25	19	100
Tripura	0	12	8	29	16	17	18	100
J&K U.T.	12	0	9	18	43	0	17	100
Rajasthan	1	2	34	13	15	17	17	100
Bihar	1	6	6	14	25	32	15	100
Gujarat	2	9	26	20	8	20	15	100
T.N.	1	2	33	19	16	15	15	100
U.P.	5	7	18	21	19	15	15	100
W.B.	3	26	18	8	22	11	12	100
Goa	0	0	0	0	26	63	11	100
Mizoram	0	0	0	5	7	78	10	100
Odisha	9	9	20	18	9	24	10	100
Punjab	27	7	9	28	19	3	7	100
Andhra	1	9	65	11	5	7	2	100
Haryana	9	21	26	18	14	11	1	100
Delhi	7	6	38	0	50	0	0	100

Chart 3: Charts show the number of human lives lost, cattle lost and houses damaged due to floods in India each year.

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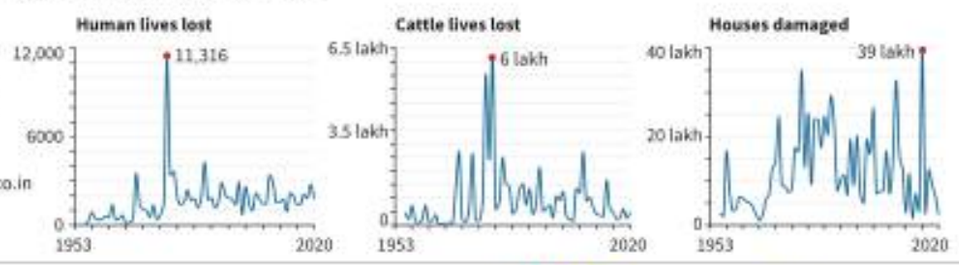

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 22, 1972

Low milk yield in India

Madras, Sept. 21: A survey on the economies of milk production in five selected areas of Mysore, Kerala and Tamil Nadu has revealed that about 70% of the cow and buffalo population in these areas is now descript with a low milk yield of about 300 kg per lactation. Adopting the suggestion of the National Commission on Agriculture, a synthesis of the maintenance cost of an animal at viable level under existing conditions has been attempted by the survey and it has been recommended that the base price of milk should be Rs. 1.30 paise in urban areas and Rs. 1.09 paise per litre in rural areas. It has been suggested that the Government in co-operation with Co-operative Milk Union should enter the distribution field and suitable arrangements should be made to handle at least 50% of the public needs. Releasing the findings of the survey undertaken at the behest of the National Commission on Agriculture, Dr. B. Natarajan, Chairman, Institute of Techno-Economic Studies, said the survey studied the economics of milk production in different breeds and stable sizes of cattle and among different income groups of milch cattle owners; and to suggest the sizes, breed and other conditions necessary for the settling up of viable units for milk production.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 22, 1922

Import of motor cars

The figures given by Mr. Innes in the Legislative Assembly on Friday in regard to the import of motor cars into India for the five months ending on August 31 during the last three years are strikingly eloquent of the damage which has been done to the British motor trade by the recent increase in the so-called luxury tax. For that period in 1920, the total number of cars imported was 5,292, the value being Rs. 195 lakh. Of those cars, 600 were British to the value of Rs. 40 lakh. In the following year, of 759 cars imported, only 184 were British, the respective values being Rs. 57 lakh and Rs. 24 lakh. That year, of 1,024 cars imported to the value of Rs. 40 lakh, only 88 were British to value of Rs. 9 lakh. That is to say that whereas in the two previous years, the proportions of British cars imported to the total number coming into the country were 11% and 25%, respectively, with proportionate values of 20% and 42% during the current year.

From Page One

Putin says nuclear threat 'not a bluff'

Mr. Putin also accused officials of NATO countries of making statements about "the possibility and admissibility of using weapons of mass destruction against Russia – nuclear weapons". "I want to remind you that our country also has various means of destruction, and in some components more modern than those of the NATO countries," he said.

Mr. Putin restated his aim was to "liberate" the Donbas, Ukraine's industrial heartland, and said most people there did not want to return to what he called the "yoke" of Ukraine.

In an apparently coordinated move, pro-Russian regional leaders on Tuesday announced referendums for September 23-27 in Luhansk, Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia provinces, representing around 15% of Ukrainian territory.

Russia already considers Luhansk and Donetsk, which together make up the Donbas region that Moscow partially occupied in 2014, to be independent states. Ukraine and the West consider all parts of Ukraine held by Russian forces to be illegally occupied.

Ready for any duty that party gives me: Gehlot

Mr. Gehlot's position on "one man, two posts" could become problematic for the party's top leadership as supporters of Sachin Pilot are hoping that the Rajasthan Chief Minister's elevation as the All India Congress Committee (AICC) president will pave the way for Mr. Pilot to become the Chief Minister.

The meeting at Ms. Gandhi's official residence could also be an indication of the challenge that the leadership is likely to face if Mr. Gehlot insists on continuing in both the positions or strongly opposes Mr. Pilot's possible elevation.

The Rajasthan Chief Minister also said that he was going to meet party leader Rahul Gandhi in Kerala to persuade him one last time before he decides on his next step.

On August 23, *The Hindu* first reported that Ms. Gandhi has asked Mr. Gehlot to lead the party. In Wednesday's meeting, also attended by party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, Ms. Gandhi, however, made it clear that the Gandhi family would remain neutral in a presidential contest.

"The party and high command have given me everything. I have been on posts for 40-50 years. For me no post is important, I will fulfil any responsibility given to me," Mr. Gehlot said, adding, "I am very fortunate that I have got love and affection of Congress men and women across the country and they have faith in me. Therefore, if they ask me to fill the nomination form I will not be able to refuse."

Strengthening decisions

Speaking with reporters at the Delhi airport before his meeting with the party chief, he said he would take decisions that would strengthen the Congress. On whether holding on to the posts of the Chief Minister and the party president violates the "one-man-one-post" principle adopted in the recent Udaipur conclave, Mr. Gehlot said the rule applied to people who were nominated by the high command.

The president election is open to everyone and any of the 9,000 Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) delegates can contest; be it an MP, an MLA, Chief Minister or a Minister.

However, during his interaction with party MLAs in Jaipur late on Tuesday night, many of the participants got the impression that Mr. Gehlot wanted to continue in both the positions for some more time and present the next State budget as that would be his 10th budget.

While CEA chief Mr. Mistry said there was nothing in the party constitution that says Mr. Gehlot could not hold two posts, others like Mr. Digvijaya Singh argued that the Udaipur Declaration insisted on the principle of one man, one post.

Nizam's sword set to return to India

According to the museum documentation, the sword was "exhibited by Mahbub Ali Khan, Asaf Jah VI, Nizam of Hyderabad (1896-1911) at the 1903 Delhi or Imperial Durbar, a ceremonial reception held to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra as Emperor and Empress of India".

"The Salar Jung Museum in Hyderabad is the perfect repository for the sword as it is from this region. However, we are yet to get intimation about the repatriated object," says SJM director A. Nagender Reddy. The SJM has a gallery dedicated to arms and armoury that has swords, knives, and battle axes belonging to the Mughals, Nizams and other rulers of India.

How this ceremonial sword exhibited by Nizam Osman Ali Khan was later sold by his prime minister Maharaja Kishen Pershad remains a mystery. "The affection Mahbub Ali Khan had for Maharaja Kishen Pershad is well known. The Maharaja was wealthy. He might have gifted the sword to the British officer," says historian Sajjad Shahid.

Kishen Pershad hailed from the family of Maharaja Chandoo Lal, who was the prime minister for Nizam Sikander Jah twice. Kishen Pershad was known for his munificence where he was known to throw out coins to people chasing his motorcar.

Bihar free of Naxal presence; the fight is in the last stages in Jharkhand, says CRPF chief

Hotbeds of left-wing extremism have been cleared in three States, says Kuldiep Singh; Operations Octopus, Double Bull, Thunderstorm and Chakarbandha led to the arrest or surrender of 592; Maoists using improvised grenade launchers

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Kuldiep Singh, Director-General, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), said on Wednesday that Bihar was free of left-wing extremism now and security forces had made inroads into areas in Jharkhand that were once inaccessible due to the presence of Maoists.

Mr. Singh said the fight was in its final stages, and the number of districts affected by violence stood at 39, down from 60 in 2010. He said the number of most affected districts, accounting for 90% of the violent incidents, had reduced from 35 in 2015 to 25 in 2021. These districts are mostly in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Maharashtra, Telengana and Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Singh said that considerable success was achieved in 2022 in Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh as the CRPF launched Operation Octopus, Operation Double Bull, Operation Thunderstorm and Operation Chakarbandha in the three States. The operations led to the arrest or surrender of 592 Maoists.

Into the lair: An anti-Naxal operation 'Octopus' being carried out by security forces in the heavily mined 'Burha Pahar' hill range on Chhattisgarh-Jharkhand boundary on September. 15. V.V. KRISHNAN

Security camps

"Barring stray elements or extortionists, we can say that Bihar is completely free of Naxals. In Jharkhand too, we reached the top of the Budha Pahar area for the first time on September 5. This was an area under the control of the Maoists so far, we have established a security camp there and road construction has also started," Mr. Singh said at a press conference. He said that in Chakarbandha in Bihar, an area of 8x7 km had been cleared of Maoist presence and in the Budha Pahar area, around 4x3 km had been cleared. A helicopter landed in Budha Pahar for the first time in September.

The officer said that since 2019, a unique policy has been adopted against Maoists and in the past four years, the Union Home Ministry had provided ₹4,000 crore to the CRPF to purchase the latest weapons and equipment. The CRPF was one of the largest Central armed police forces deployed in the affected States.

Mr. Singh said that in all, 20 forward operating bases or security camps have been established in Jharkhand and 11 bases had come up only in the past six months.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah tweeted, "For the first time, permanent camps of security forces have been established by successfully evacuating Maoists from the inaccessible areas of Budha Pahar, Chakrabandha and Bhimabandh." The Minister said the Ministry's "zero tolerance" to terrorism and left-wing extremism would continue, and the fight would intensify.

Mr. Singh said Maoists were using improvised grenade launchers to target security camps in Chhattisgarh. "The grenade launchers are assembled locally in a factory. The camps were attacked 28 times by the launchers this year," he said.

He said in Jharkhand, security forces recovered a U.S.-made rifle but Maoists mostly used country-made weapons or those snatched from security forces.

Ratan Tata, K.T. Thomas are trustees of PM CARES

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union government on Tuesday appointed veteran industrialist Ratan Tata, former Supreme Court judge K.T. Thomas, and former Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker Kariya Munda as trustees of the PM CARES Fund, the Prime Minister's Office said on Wednesday.

A meeting of trustees was held on Tuesday where the newly appointed members and other trustees, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman were present. The meeting was presided over by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to a statement of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the Trust further decided to nominate other eminent persons for the constitution of Advisory Board to the PM CARES Fund. They included Rajiv Mehrishi, former Comptroller and Auditor General, Sudha Murthy, former Chairperson, Infosys Foundation, and Anand Shah, co-founder of Teach for India and former CEO of Indicorps and Piramal Foundation.

At the meeting, a presentation was made on the various initiatives undertaken with the help of the PM CARES Fund.

Rice output in kharif season may fall short of target: govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's rice production during the kharif season is likely to fall short of the target of 112 million tonnes (mt) and will reach only 104.99 mt, said the first advance estimate for 2022-23 released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Wednesday.

Overall, the Centre has estimated foodgrain production of 149.92 mt during the kharif season. The decrease in cultivation of kharif crops is in about nine lakh hectares till the end of last week. But the Centre is hopeful of an increase in the production of some crops, particularly in maize and sugar cane.

In 2020-21, the production was 105.21 mt.

Will EWS quota cut share of pie of those competing on merit, asks CJI

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Has the government ended up "diminishing" the opportunities of candidates who compete for jobs and seats in government institutions purely on merit by carving out a 10% quota for economically weaker sections (EWS) from the general category, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court asked the Centre on Wednesday.

A five-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said 50% academic seats and jobs in the general category were open to all, including the creamy layer of the Other Backward Classes (OBC), Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and forward classes.

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> U.U. LALIT
> Chief Justice of India

The court questioned the necessity for the state's "affirmative action" to carve out an EWS quota from the general or unreserved category. The Bench noted that those in the general category who were below the poverty line came to only one-sixth of the total general population.

The questions came after Attorney-General K.K. Venugopal, for the Centre, submitted that the EWS quota was not an "addition" to the 50% caste-based quota already available to backward classes, but was cut from the remaining 50% seats in the "general, open or non-reserved category".

"The 50% available in the general category is open to all. Anybody – be they from the SC, ST or OBC or non-reserved classes – can compete purely on the basis of merit. By taking 10% of this 50% and reducing it to 40%, are you not diminishing the chances of a meritorious candidate to compete in that arena? Are you not reducing the share of the pie for those persons who could have competed on the basis of their own individual merit and got the seats?" the Chief Justice asked Mr. Venugopal.

The EWS quota, introduced through the 103rd Constitutional Amendment, excludes the poorest of the poor among the OBC/ST/SC communities, saying they already have access to the 50% quota for backward classes.

But the court pointed out that the creamy layer members of the OBC communities would be competing in the general category. Taking 10% from the open category would affect them too.

BJP spent ₹340 crore on 2022 election campaigns

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP spent more than ₹340 crore on its campaigns for the Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Goa and Punjab Assembly elections this year, according to the party's election expenditure report.

At the same time, the Congress spent ₹194 crore on the five campaigns, according to its own expenditure report submitted to the EC, which published the reports on Tuesday night. The BJP's spending report showed that the party spent ₹221.31 crore in U.P., ₹23.51 crore in Manipur, ₹43.67 crore in Uttarakhand, ₹36.69 crore in Punjab and ₹19.06 crore in Goa.

How will students prepare for diversity when none is allowed in classrooms: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

How will students prepare for the great diversity of the country when none is allowed in their classrooms, Supreme Court judge Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia asked on Wednesday.

Justice Dhulia, who is part of the Division Bench led by Justice Hemant Gupta, is hearing a series of petitions challenging the prohibition on wearing hijab in classrooms in Karnataka.

Petitioners, mostly students affected by the ban, have challenged a Karnataka High Court decision that wearing hijab is not an "essential religious practice" in Islam.

> Hijab should be seen as an eye-opener, a window to prepare students for the diversity of the country
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> JUSTICE SUDHANSHU DHULIA
> Supreme Court judge

The State of Karnataka, represented by Additional Solicitor General K.M. Natraj and Advocate General Prabhuling Navadgi, argued on Wednesday that the uniform dress code in classrooms ensure equality among students. The children are not banned wearing hijab outside their classrooms. The move by the State was religion-neutral. Students, regardless of their religion or belief, have been classed together.

Justice Dhulia asked whether he meant hijab had created a wall of separation. He also said hijab should be seen as an eye-opener, a window to prepare students for the diversity of the country.

Watch | Karnataka's hijab controversy explained
bit.ly/hijabrowvid

DGCA extends flight capacity restrictions on SpiceJet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has extended by a month its 50% cap on the number of flights SpiceJet can operate. It was imposed following concerns over the safety and the airline's inability to pay for maintenance.

"The review has indicated that there is appreciable reduction in number of safety incidents. However, as a matter of abundant caution, the competent authority has decided that the restriction imposed shall continue to be in force till the end of the summer schedule," said the DGCA order.

The summer schedule begins on the last Sunday of March and ends on the last Saturday of October.

No criminality found in Niira Radia tapes, CBI tells top court

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bench had taken up the case which includes Ratan Tata's petition seeking right to privacy

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) orally informed the Supreme Court that it could not find anything criminal in the intercepted conversations of corporate lobbyist Niira Radia with some politicians, businessmen, media persons, and others.

"Fourteen preliminary inquiries were registered and the report was placed before your lordships in a sealed cover. No criminality was found in those," Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the CBI, told a three-judge Bench headed by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud.

The Bench had taken up the case which includes industrialist Ratan Tata's petition seeking right to privacy in view of the emergence of the Radia tapes.

The court posted the case for October 12, after the Dasara holidays, and asked the central agency to file a status report.

In 2013, the apex court had directed a CBI probe while observing that "Radia's conversations reveal deep-rooted malice by private enterprises in connivance with government officials for extraneous purposes".

INBRIEF

Rubaiya Sayeed appears before court in kidnap case

Rubaiya Sayeed, sister of former Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Mehbooba Mufti, presented herself before a special Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act (TADA) court in Jammu for a cross-examination. JKLF chief Yasin Malik is likely to cross-examine Ms. Sayeed on October 20. Ms. Sayeed, also daughter of Union Home Minister Mufti Muhammad Sayeed in the 1990s, was kidnapped by the militants of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) on the evening of December 8 and held hostage till December 13, 1989.

EC proposes doing away with postal ballot for poll workers

The Election Commission last week wrote to the Law Ministry proposing that poll workers cast their ballot at voter facilitation centres set up for them instead of sending it via post, a move that would minimise the potential for misuse, an EC source said on Wednesday. It decided during a meeting on September 16 to send the proposal to the Ministry that the voters on election duty cast their votes at the facilitation centres only, the source said. It proposed amending Rule 18 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 accordingly. While they have the option of going to a voter facilitation centre, many poll workers choose to send in their votes via post and keep the postal ballots at their homes for a long time after completing their election duties, the source said.

SIT files chargesheet against Setalvad, Sreekumar, Bhatt

The Gujarat Police accuse them of conspiring to create false cases against Modi, other BJP leaders in an attempt to seek 'capital punishment' by implicating them in cases related to the 2002 riots

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat Police on Wednesday filed a chargesheet against social activist Teesta Setalvad and former IPS officers R.B. Sreekumar and Sanjiv Bhatt, accusing them of conspiring to create false cases against then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi and others in an attempt to seek "capital punishment" by implicating them in cases related to the 2002 riots.

While both Mr. Sreekumar and Mr. Bhatt are in prison, Ms. Setalvad was recently granted interim bail by the Supreme Court.

The three accused have been charged under Sections 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating), 194 (giving or fabricating false evidence with intent to procure conviction of capital offence), 211 (to institute criminal proceeding against a person or falsely charge him with committing an offence while knowing there is no just ground for such proceeding), 218 (public servant framing incorrect record or writing with intent to save person from punishment) and 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code.

Conspiracy charge: Social activist Teesta Setalvad was recently granted interim bail by the Supreme Court in the case. FILE PHOTO

In the chargesheet, the Special Investigation Team of the Gujarat Police has accused them of instituting false and malicious criminal proceedings against innocent people, including Mr. Modi, his then Cabinet colleagues and other BJP leaders, to frame them in connection with the riots cases. The police have named Ms. Setalvad as the prime accused in the case.

"Accused number one (Setalvad) tried to create false cases against then Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers and senior BJP leaders and conspired to fabricate evidence against them in these cases to establish their involvement in the February 28, 2002 and other riots cases in which a large number of people were killed and in which the punishment is death sentence," the police said.

The chargesheet, exceeding 6,000 pages, cites as many as 90 witnesses, including Congress's Rajya Sabha member Shaktisinh Gohil and former IPS officer Rahul Sharma, who is now a lawyer in the Gujarat High Court.

The police have also named former IPS officer A.K. Malhotra, who was a member of the Supreme Court-appointed SIT headed by former CBI chief R.K. Raghavan, as a witness.

As per the chargesheet, Ms. Setalvad received ₹30 lakh at the behest of late Congress leader Ahmed Patel in 2002, and as secretary of the non-governmental organisation Citizens for Justice and Peace, she worked with leaders of the Congress to spread misunderstanding among people in relief camps that Gujarat was unsafe for minorities and they would not get justice in the State.

The police said Ms. Setalvad tutored witnesses to give false testimony against Mr. Modi in the riots cases.

The trial in the case will be held before a sessions court.

Watch our video
Who is Teesta Setalvad?
bit.ly/teestavid

RSS chief meets Muslim community members in Delhi

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The meeting was held to promote peace among the people and ended on a positive note

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat has, at a recent closed-door meeting in the national capital with representatives of the Muslim community, asked them to clear their stand on cow slaughter. He also questioned the use of terms such as 'kafir' (non-believer) and 'jihad' (holy war) against Hindus and suggested that they be avoided.

The Muslim delegation, which had asked for the meeting in the wake of now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's comments on the Prophet, in turn apprised the RSS chief of the growing sense of fear in the community in recent times.

The 75-minute interaction, an RSS source said, explored ways to foster brotherhood and promote the theme of religious inclusivity.

Prominent Muslim representatives in attendance included former Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Najeeb Jung, former Chief Election Commissioner S.Y. Quraishi, former Aligarh Muslim University Vice-Chancellor Lieutenant-General Zameer Uddin Shah (retd.), Rashtriya Lok Dal national vice-president Shahid Siddiqui and businessman Saeed Shervani.

"Bhagwat *ji* at the outset asked them to clear their stand on cow slaughter and all of them asserted that they are against it. He was told that Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the founder of AMU, had banned beef on campus in deference to the sentiments of all communities," the source said.

Taking the discussion forward, the representatives of the Muslim community shared the pain of being dubbed as *deshdrohis* (anti-national) for activities that are simply part of the freedom of expression.

Mr. Siddiqui said the meeting was held to promote peace among the people and ended on a positive note.

"We didn't meet Bhagwat as the representative of any community but as concerned citizens. Things that happened in the country in the recent past have raised the temperature," the RLD leader said.

SC condemns hate speech aired on TV

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said the role of TV anchors is critical in monitoring that their shows do not descend into a flurry of hate speech.

The court said content on mainstream electronic media and social media remain largely unregulated.

On TV, it is the duty of anchors to prevent hate speech. A Bench led by Justice K.M. Joseph said "we cannot give hate any air" on TV.

The court wondered why the government continues to remain a mute spectator to hatred peddled in the electronic media. The court was hearing a batch of petitions against the strident increase in volume of hate speech. The court posted the case for hearing on November 23.

The Supreme Court has been consistent in its efforts to stop hate on TV. In January 2021, the then Chief Justice S.A. Bobde had said that arresting hate on TV was as essential for law and order as arming policemen with lathis and putting up barricades to prevent the spread of violence and riots.

"Fair and truthful reporting normally is not a problem. The problem is when it [broadcast, programmes] is used to agitate others. There are broadcasts, programmes that definitely have the effect of instigating people, not just against one community, but any community... Why are you blind to them... You don't do anything about it?" Justice Bobde had said. The court had at that instance been hearing a batch of petitions, including one filed by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind.

Watch our explainer
What is 'hate speech'?
bit.ly/3f4blPQ

Three police medals to be discontinued

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has discontinued three police medals that were instituted in 2018, it said in a notification on Wednesday. The awards are the Police Antrik Suraksha Seva Padak- J&K State/LWE Region/NE Region, the Utkrisht Seva Padak and the Ati Utkrisht Seva Padak.

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TENDER NOTICE

NOTICE No.TIDCO/TNDIC/IP-1/VP/2022–23 **Date : 22.09.2022**

Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (TIDCO), a Government of Tamil Nadu Enterprise involving in establishing and facilitating the large medium and small industries to stimulate industrial development in the State. TIDCO is the nodal agency for the implementation of Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor in the state.

TIDCO has initiated various strategies for strengthening the aerospace and defence manufacturing ecosystem of the state and plans to set up a defence industrial park at Verapatti, Coimbatore.

In this context, TIDCO proposes for selection of consultants for "Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Setting up of Defence Industrial Park at Varapatti Village, Coimbatore". TIDCO invites interested firms to submit proposals for undertaking the services described in the Tender document.

Interested consultancy firms can download the Tender from the websites **https://tidco.com** & **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** The Terms of Reference, Qualification Criteria and other terms and conditions are provided in the Tender Document.

The schedule for the bidding process is as follows:-

1. Pre-bid meeting at **3:00 P.M** on **30.09.2022** in TIDCO Office / online VC
2. Last date and time for submission of Proposals / Bids is on or before **3:00 P.M** on **24.10.2022** through hard copy submission
3. Opening of Technical Proposals / Bids is at **3.30 P.M** on **24.10.2022** at TIDCO Office.

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DIPR/ 4211 /TENDER/2022

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING / OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY

BRBNMPL invites bids from eligible bidders for following tenders:

1. **Tender No. 043/MYS/CIVIL/2022-23** – Renovation works at CISF Barrack, BRBNMPL, Note Mudran Nagar, Mysuru
2. **Tender No. 044/MYS/MMD/2022-23** – Supply & Installation of Heavy Duty Multi-Purpose Shredder at BRBNMPL, Mysuru & Salboni.
3. **Tender No. 042/MYS/MMD/2022-23** – Annual Health Check Up of BRBNMPL Employees and their spouses. (Bids invited from eligible reputed hospitals/Clinics based at Mysuru)
4. **Tender No. 045/MYS/VARNIKA-13/2022-23** – Supply of MS Tins of Capacity 2.5 KG for Varnika at BRBNMPL, Mysuru.

For downloading tender documents, last date of submission of above tenders and other details, kindly visit our website **www.brbnmpl.co.in**. Further corrigendum/ amendment to above tenders, if issued in future, will be notified on the Company website only.

Sr. General Manager

Directorate of Handicrafts, Odisha
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Expression of Interest (EoI)

No. 4440 / Date 21.09.2022

In continuation to the advertisement published on 31.08.2022 in 03 (three) leading English dailies, "Expression of Interest" is invited from reputed Agencies / Institutions having adequate experience in Geographical Indication (GI) Registration work to take up the assignment. The sealed EoI may be submitted to the Director of Handicrafts as per the address mentioned above through courier / speed post / registered post only latest by **3.00 PM on 29-09-2022**. Details of EoI for GI Registration of Handicrafts of Odisha is available in our website **https://crafts.odisha.gov.in** . Those who have applied in response to advertisement published on 31.08.2022 need not require to apply again.

Sd/-
Director of Handicrafts, Odisha

PP-37: DIPR-31034/11/0020/2223

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, ग्रामीण वृत्त, जोधपुर
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NOTICE INVITING BID (NIT No. 27-30/2022-23)

Bids for Work of construction of Sources, rising main pipelines, internal village distribution pipeline and FHTC including one year Defect Liability period of Various Villages under JJM in the jurisdiction of PHED Rural Division-II NCR Alwar & PHED DIVISION BHIWADI(NCR), Alwar are invited from interested bidders upto 05:00 PM on Date 17.10.2022. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and https://phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in departmental website. The total approximate value of procurement is 4796.21 lacs.

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e - Tender Notice

State Health Agency (SHA), Kerala invites competitive quotations from agencies, to conduct hospital audits as part of field verification, for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) - Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASP) in the 14 Districts of Kerala. The details of the tender document is available in the eTender website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.sha.kerala.gov.in. The last date of submission of bids is 10.10.2022.

Date : 21.09.2022

Sd/-
Executive Director

कार्यालय अधीशासी अभियन्ता, जल संसाधन खण्ड प्रथम अजमेर
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E-NIT No. 03/2022-23
Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for 4 Nos of Works Estimated cost of Rs. 580.70 Lacs Under Schemes (ERM 4 Work) are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM of 06/10/2022 Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and Water Resources department website.

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पत्रांक: 1431/एम-10/ **ई–निविदा सूचना** दिनांक: 15.09.2022

अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा, परिषद की ओर से वृत्त के अधीनस्थ खण्डों से सम्बन्धित विभिन्न निर्माण कार्यों हेतु एवं कंसलटेंट के चयन हेतु टू-बिड पद्धति पर, निविदा सूचना संख्या-1430/एम-10/125 **दिनांक 15.09.2022** द्वारा निविदा **दिनांक 01.10.2022** के अपरान्ह 03:00 बजे एवं **दिनांक 10.10.2022** को अपरान्ह **03:00 बजे** तक आमंत्रित की गयी है, जिसकी तकनीकी बिड उसी दिन अपरान्ह **03:30 बजे** खोली जायेगी। निविदा का विवरण, नियम व शर्तें परिषद की वेबसाइट **www.upavp.in** तथा **www.etender.up.nic.in** पर देखी जा सकती है। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता**
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Corrigendum

Please refer the press notice issued in Times of India (English) and Hindustan (Hindi) (Both advertised in All India Edition) on 17th September 2022 for inviting the bids for Procurement of IT hardware for the Office Commissioner State Tax and Circle Offices and Units under its Administrative Control in Uttarakhand (including three years Comprehensive onsite warranty), through E-Procurement RFB Ref No:IN-CTRFA314407-GO-RFB

The pre-bid conference is scheduled to be held on 3rd October 2022 at 1430 Hrs. in online as well as offline mode in the office of Project Director, UKPMS, CTRFA, Sudhodhowala.

Hence, the last date of submission is also extended till 27th October 2022 up to 1500 Hrs.

The detailed corrigendum may be downloaded from https://uttarakhandaudit.uk.gov.in/ and on Uttarakhand State Government E-Procurement Portal www.uktenders.gov.in

Project Director, UkPFMSP

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Buildings (C&M) Circle, Sivagangai.

Extension Notification No.20SE/BCMC SVG/2022-2023 Date : 20.09.2022

Last date of submission of Pre-Qualification application mentioned in the NIT No.17SE/BCMC(MW)/MDU/2022-2023/Dt: 16.08.2022. Extended as follows.

Last date for submission of pre-qualification application - **30.09.2022, 3.00 pm.**

Pre-qualification opening date - **30.09.2022, 3.30p.m.**

Further details may be downloaded from the following websites **www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in.**

Superintending Engineer PWD.,
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DIPR/ 4202 /TENDER/2022

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Short Notice Inviting Bid No. 49/ 2022-23

Online bids for NIT No. 49/2022-23, Costing Rs. 352.28 Lacs is invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan from eligible enlisted "AA" class contractors of PHED, Rajasthan and meeting eligibility criteria. Contractors enlisted with other departments of Government of Rajasthan and enlisted with CPWD/ Postal/ Telecom/ Railways/ MES/ other State Government/ Central Government undertakings/organization in class equivalent to "AA" class of Rajasthan (as applicable) and meeting prescribed eligibility criteria may also apply. Details of this Bid notification and pre-qualification criteria can also be seen in NIB exhibited on web site www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Bids are to be submitted online electronic format on web site http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from 15-09-2022 to 29-09-2022 (6PM) & Bids are to be opened at 11.00 AM on 30-09-2022.

NIB Code: PHE2223A3381
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(Ram Niwas Meena)
Addl. Chief Engineer
PHED, Region, Bharatpur

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Raichur Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders through GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** are invited from reputed contractors/agencies who are reputed individuals/company and having past experience for the work of: **1) KPCL/2022-23/PM/Work_Indent12869/20-09-2022: Supply and Erection of Dust suppression system water pipe lines and nozzles for Wagon tippler pre spray and conveyor spray systems in CHP2/RTPS. Approx. Amount put to tender inclusive of GST:** ₹24,78,000. **EMD:** ₹ 61,950/-.
2) KPCL/2022-23/PM/Work_Indent12872/20-09-2022: Supply and erection of wagon tippler 4 & 5 hopper spray nozzles and AFD 4&5 High pressure dust suppression system connected pipe lines in CHP2/RTPS. Approx. Amount put to tender inclusive of GST: ₹ 22,46,000/- **EMD:** ₹ 56,150/-. **Last date for queries / clarifications:** 27-09-2022, 17:00 hrs. **Last date for submission of completed tender document:** 11-10-2022,17:30 hrs. **Date of opening of technical bid:** 13-10-2022, 09:30 hrs. **Date of opening of financial bid:** 14-10-2022, 09:30 hrs. Further details can be had from: The Executive Engineer (CHP) M-2, RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 8277502856

INBRIEF

VHP asks U.K. PM to take action on Islamic extremists

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Wednesday requested the Prime Minister of United Kingdom Liz Truss to take immediate efforts to end the "continued violence against Hindus in Leicester and Birmingham". "VHP is deeply concerned and alarmed at the ongoing violence in Leicester and Birmingham in which a large number of Hindus and places of their worship, their cultural and religious symbols have been wantonly targeted and damaged by Islamic extremists," said VHP international working president Alok Kumar (in photo) in his letter. "Nothing of that sort has happened to Muslims, Islamic symbols or places of worship," he added.

Yechury discusses Opposition unity with Nitish, Lalu

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Wednesday met Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and RJD president Lalu Prasad in Patna separately and discussed opposition unity. Mr. Kumar, the de facto leader of the JD(U), met Mr. Yechury during his visit to New Delhi earlier this month. "Was warmly received by Nitish Kumar ji (@NitishKumar) when I called on him in Patna today. We followed up on our discussions in Delhi to mobilise the broadest unity of secular democratic forces to safeguard the Indian Constitution and the unity & integrity of our country," the Left leader tweeted. Mr. Yechury also called on RJD chief Lalu Prasad at his home.

ABG Shipyard's Rishi Agarwal arrested in bank fraud case

The CBI arrested Rishi Kamlesh Agarwal, former chairman and managing director of ABG Shipyard Ltd., in New Delhi, in connection with the ₹22,842-crore bank fraud case. According to the CBI, Mr. Agarwal was part of the conspiracy to cheat 28 banks that had given loans to the company from 2005 to 2012. Among the accused are Santhanam Muthaswamy, Ashwini Kumar, Sushil Kumar Agarwal, Ravi Vimal Nevetia and ABG International Private Limited. The alleged fraud was detected during a forensic audit of the loan account involving transactions from April 2012 to July 2017.

FSSAI's draft notification out on rating for packaged food

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has issued a draft notification on front-of-package labelling, which proposes "Indian Nutrition Rating" (INR) modelled on the health star-rating system. The draft of the amended Food Safety and Standards (Labelling & Display) Regulations, 2020 made public on Tuesday requires packaged food to display the prescribed format of INR by assigning a rating from 1/2 star (least healthy) to five stars (healthiest). The INR is to be calculated on the basis of contribution of energy, saturated fat, total sugar, sodium and the positive nutrients. Stakeholders have been given 60 days to submit their responses to the draft notification.

With ₹19,500-crore PLI plan, sun shines on solar cell units

The project is expected to save India close to ₹1.37 trillion in imports; Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is also anticipating direct investments of around ₹94,000 crore for the project

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet on Wednesday cleared a ₹19,500-crore production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to incentivise manufacture of domestic solar cell modules to reduce the industry's reliance on Chinese-made panels. This follows the ₹4,500-crore tranche cleared in November 2020.

Bidders for projects will be given PLI to set up and run manufacturing facilities that will span the entire production cycle of modules from making the polysilicon cells, ingots, wafers and panels to assembling modules that are used to produce electricity.

The PLI will be disbursed to firms after they set up their manufacturing units and the money disbursed over five years.

Officials from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, the nodal body tasked with administering the programme, estimate manufacturing capacity worth 65,000 MW of fully and partially integrated solar PV modules to be installed over five years.

Bright and clean: The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy estimates installation of manufacturing capacity worth 65,000 MW in five years. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

The bulk of the allocation, of nearly ₹12,000 crore, is to incentivise the setting up of integrated manufacturing facilities because there is no installed capacity in India to manufacture polysilicone and wafers (the raw material for solar panels).

This would bring in a direct investment of around ₹94,000 crore, directly employ about 1,95,000 persons and indirectly around 7,80,000 persons. It would save India close to ₹1.37 trillion in imports, they estimated.

India has committed, as part of climate commitments, to a target of installing 5,00,000 MW of electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel-based sources by 2030 and this translates to 280,000 MW to 300,000 MW from solar electricity alone. "We would need nearly 30-35 GW (1GW = 1000 MW) of modules. With these schemes, we expect to have 70-80 GW of capacity, which would take care of our domestic requirements as well as exports," Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi, Secretary, MNRE said.

For a detailed analysis, read India's solar capacity: Milestones and challenges bit.ly/solarexplainer

Logistics policy aims at reducing cost by 2030

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet on Wednesday approved the National Logistics Policy, which aims to reduce cost of logistics and bring efficiency through "streamlining processes, regulatory framework and skill development". It aims to improve the Logistics Performance Index ranking by 2030.

At international meet, a push for framework on farmers' rights

India wants continued efforts towards sustainable use of plant genetic resources

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

On the second day of the governing body meeting of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), the issue of farmers' rights remained the focal point of discussions.

The Union Agriculture Ministry said India stood for the creation of an option for implementation of farmers rights, and proposed that use of Global Information System (GIS) for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture needs capacity building among contracting parties.

The Centre said an expert group on farmers rights was constituted in 2017 with efforts taken by India and the country led the group as co-chair.

"India ensured discussion of the group even during pandemic and prepared a set of options and future process for implementing farmers rights in any country," the release said.

India also pushed for the revival of enhancement of multilateral system as from 2019, all formal meetings of the ITPGRFA were suspended.

"India along with Switzerland organised an informal meeting at UN-Geneva and prepared a document for the ninth meeting of the general body to deliberate. As a result, a Contact Group is constituted under the co-chairmanship of India to decide the future process," the release added.

Use of GIS

India also called for capacity building to use the GIS on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. "India, as member of the Scientific Advisory Committee, proposed that use of GLIS needs capacity building among contracting parties," the release said.

It also mentioned that the country wants continued efforts towards conservation and sustainable use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. "India, as member of Committee on Conservation and Sustainable Use, proposed joint programs with international and regional organisations/institutes to fulfil this agenda," the Centre said.

NSCN(I-M) seeks meet with PM over Naga issue

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Naga insurgent group NSCN(I-M) on Wednesday held a meeting with a government representative in an effort to find a permanent solution to the decades-old vexed problem, officials said.

An NSCN(I-M) delegation, led by senior leader V.S. Atem, met interlocutor A.K. Mishra at an undisclosed location in the national capital. The participants discussed the rebel group's core demands, including a separate flag for the Nagas. The dialogue remained inconclusive and is likely to resume on Thursday, an official privy to the talks said. The delegation also requested for a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Raju Srivastava, inimitable artist of observational comedy, passes away

Anuj Kumar
GURUGRAM

One of the foremost comedians of India who found humour in the smallest of real-life experiences, Raju Srivastava, 58, passed away in Delhi on Wednesday more than a month after a heart attack. He had been admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and put on ventilator for 41 days. He is survived by his wife, Shikha, and two children.

Kanpur-born Raju, whose official name is Satya Prakash Srivastava, was known for bringing an endearing quality to his observational comedy, making the most incisive comments without hurting the sentiments of the subject. Until the end, he retained the image of a boy next door who kept the community in good humour.

Raju Srivastava. PTI

Raju grew up in a culture of poetic soirees, which his father, a government employee and poet, used to attend. In one of those soirees, a neighbour introduced him as 'Raju' and the name stuck. The grooming helped him write his own sets.

Those were the days when stand-up comedy had yet to find roots in India, but Raju could mimic film stars and soon emerged as a talented artist who could copy Amitabh Bachchan.He became a regular feature on Doordarshan shows and film award functions, and worked as a filler during concerts by prominent singers.

At the turn of the millennium, when the genre of stand-up comedy reached Indian shores with *The Great Indian Laughter Challenge* and several spin-offs, Raju's career saw a spike and he won the title of "King of Comedy".

It also gave new life to his character of Gajodhar *bhaiyya*, a simpleton villager whose witty comments on the issues of rural India in the dialect of eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, struck a chord with a pan-Indian audience.

Raju found humour in everything that affected human lives. From Mamata Banerjee and Lalu Prasad to Baba Ramdev, big names featured in his sets, but Raju never allowed comedy to become political commentary and retained the innocence of the art form.

There was a time when general entertainment channels used to run his old shows for hours to spike the TRP ratings. From *Maine Pyar Kiya* and *Baazigar* to *Journey Bombay to Goa*, Raju featured in several films

He joined the Samajwadi Party in 2014, but soon shifted allegiance to the BJP. In 2019, Raju was appointed chairman of the U.P. Film Development Council.

Protests force Gujarat govt. to withdraw cattle Bill

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

After Governor Acharya Devvrat returned the Gujarat Cattle Control (Keeping and Moving) In Urban Areas Bill with a request to "reconsider it and make necessary amendments", the Gujarat government on Wednesday took back the Bill passed in the Budget Session in April.

On September 18, the cattle-rearers held a huge convention warning the State authorities that if the Bill was not withdrawn, they would launch Statewide protests and stop supplying milk to dairies. The Bill mandated cattle-rearers to obtain a licence to keep animals such as stray cows and bulls in cities and towns and get them tagged.

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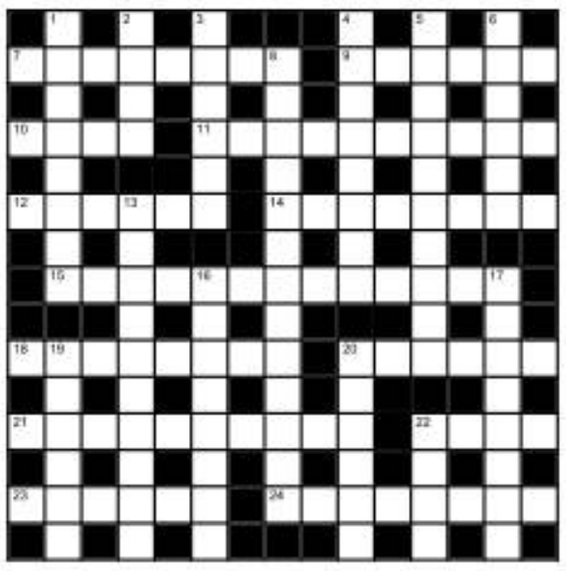

Across

7 English parliamentarian interrupts trials to cause commotions (8)
9 Must hold us at fault (6)
10 Roasts in pots (4)
11 Presently approach and question Spooner (4,3,3)
12 People from South failing Hindi (6)
14 Support group hires new criminal lawyer for contract killer? (8)
15 Pretty simple ones, yet he struggles (4,2,3,4)
18 Not possible to store dill without covers or fresh leaves (8)
20 Graceful female close to you donated clothes (6)
21 Possibly in fun, setter's set about that lady - It's not done! (10)
22 Poor Anarkali initially separated from her lover (4)
23 Contents of cellar can expose secret (6)
24 Study about concealed weapon brought in focus (8)

Down

1 Perhaps Uncle, about 50, had drip injected (8)
2 Discharge after old work (4)
3 Doctor Smith joining current strips of tissue (6)
4 Lift computer key in the middle, far behind (8)
5 Wholesome words of praise (4,3,3)
6 Seed of a plum joined regularly (6)
8 Overstretched in hard step at indoor exercises (6,3,4)
13 Carnegie, say almost accepts request and a suggestion about book (3,7)
16 Got a debit on mobile (8)
17 Guard dispatched home well within limits (8)
19 Overlook independent company protecting neither partner (6)
20 Part of stuffed orangutan's hat (6)
22 Pickle stain (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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3	7	9	1	2	6	4	8	5
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FAITH

Envy corrupts thoughts

If we do not curb jealousy, it grows, until it totally corrupts our thoughts. This is what happened with Duryodhana, said Kidambi Narayanan, in a discourse. After he attended the Rajasuya yaga conducted by Yudhishthira, Duryodhana was unable to think of anything else but the grandeur of the yaga, and the honours that Yudhishthira received from kings and scholars. Dhritarashtra tried to reason with him. He told his son that he (Duryodhana) had studied the Vedas, and their angas. He had learnt archery. He had studied the Sastras under Kripacharya. He had been a student of Balarama. Why should he be afraid of anyone or anything? How could another man's prosperity be responsible for one's loss of mental peace, Dhritarashtra asked.

But Duryodhana was unconvinced. He repeatedly recalled the yaga and expressed his anguish. Krishna had Himself anointed Yudhishthira with water from a gem-studded conch, he said. The special hall built for the yaga had many unusual features. Where Duryodhana thought there was a pool of water, he found it was just an illusion created by the architect. A little further on, was what seemed like a pool. Thinking this too was an illusion, Duryodhana stepped into it, only to discover that it was really a pool. He fell into it, and the Pandavas and Draupadi laughed at him. Servants then brought dry garments for him to replace the ones which had been drenched.

Even the doors and pillars had been built to give illusory effects. All this was in his mind, he said. How could he forget his humiliation before so many? How could he not be jealous of the Pandavas, he asked.

UNITED NATIONS

In a first in more than a decade, Turkish President meets Israel PM

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday met Israeli PM Yair Lapid on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, the first meeting between the leaders of the two countries in more than a decade. Mr. Lapid said he "commended" the recent restoration of full diplomatic ties between the countries. REUTERS

TAIPEI

U.S. and Canadian warships sail through contested Taiwan Strait

A U.S. destroyer and a Canadian frigate sailed through the Taiwan Strait on Tuesday in the latest joint operation aimed at reinforcing the route's status as an international waterway. Beijing views as its own both Taiwan and the narrow body of water separating the island from mainland China. AP

ISLAMABAD

Disease, malnutrition threaten to raise Pakistan flood toll, says UN

An internally displaced flood-affected man offering noon prayers under the shade of a charpai at a makeshift camp in Pakistan on Wednesday. The water-borne diseases and malnutrition that are plaguing swathes of Pakistan after record monsoon floods threaten to be more deadly than the initial deluge, UN officials warned. AFP

BERLIN

Germany nationalises Uniper with €8 billion deal in dash to secure gas

Klaus-Dieter Maubach, CEO of Uniper, addressing the media after Germany reached a deal to nationalise the troubled gas giant on Wednesday. Berlin will inject €8 billion in cash into Uniper and buy €500 million of shares from its majority shareholder, the Finnish state-owned energy company Fortum. REUTERS

Put patriotism first, China tells its Muslim citizens

Official asks Islamic groups to fully implement the Party's basic policy on religious affairs and take efforts to rally Islamic figures and Muslims closely around the Party and the government

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Tit for tat: The remarks come after a UN report said China had committed "serious human rights violations" against its Uighur Muslim minority in the western Xinjiang region. ANANTH KRISHNAN

The Chinese Communist Party's top leader in charge of religious affairs has called on the country's Islamic associations and Muslim communities to "maintain the correct political direction" and "uphold the banner of patriotism".

Wang Yang, the fourth-ranking member of the party's top Politburo Standing Committee, who heads the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, in a meeting with the official China Islamic Association "called for full implementation of the Party's basic policy on religious affairs and efforts to rally Islamic figures and Muslims closely around the Party and the government," State media reported.

He also called on the association's new leadership "to maintain the correct political direction, uphold the banner of patriotism and socialism, further strengthen the Chinese orientation in developing Islam in China, and facilitate the adaptation of Islam in China to socialist society." His comments came weeks after an August 31 report released by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights said China had committed "serious human rights violations" against its Uighur Muslim minority in the western Xinjiang region.

Arbitrary detention

The report said the "extent of arbitrary and discriminatory detention of members of Uyghur and other predominantly Muslim groups", referring to a network of reeducation centres built by China in the past five years which the government has called "vocational training" institutions, "may constitute... crimes against humanity".

China slammed the report as "a patchwork of disinformation that serves as a political tool for the U.S. and some Western forces to strategically use Xinjiang to contain China". "The fact that this assessment, despite its illegality and zero credibility, did not go so far as to play up false allegations such as 'genocide', 'forced labour', 'religious oppression' and 'forced sterilisation' shows that the lies of the century concocted by the U.S. and some Western forces have already collapsed," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said.

Most Muslim countries have kept a studied silence on Xinjiang, as has the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, which has often criticised India over Kashmir.

On Tuesday, China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, in a meeting with Foreign Ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries,including Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Bahrain, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, said China "appreciates the GCC countries for their upholding justice on issues related to Taiwan, Xinjiang, Hong Kong and human rights, as well as their understanding of and support for China's legitimate demands."

Putin has 'reckless disregard' for nuclear non-proliferation: Biden

Sriram Lakshman
UNITED NATIONS

U.S. President Joe Biden, on Wednesday, called out Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying Mr. Putin's nuclear threats against Europe were "reckless", in a speech to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). Earlier in the day, Mr. Putin had called for the mobilisation of 3,00,000 potential combatants and suggested that Moscow could use nuclear weapons to defend its interests.

Calling out: U.S. President Joe Biden addressing the 77th session of the UN General Assembly in New York City on Wednesday. AFP

'Overt threats'

"Again, just today, President Putin has made overt nuclear threats against Europe, in a reckless disregard for the responsibilities of the non-proliferation regime," Mr. Biden said, in a speech in which he called on countries to stand up for the UN Charter.

The U.S. President also called for a "more inclusive" UN, reiterating the U.S. position that it supports the expansion of the UN Security Council, by increasing the number of permanent and non-permanent members.

He talked about the climate crisis and food security, announcing a $2.9 billion food assistance package for this year.

"In every country in the world, no matter what else divides us, if parents cannot feed their children, nothing...nothing else matters," he said, adding that U.S. sanctions on Russia did not target Russian exports of fertilizers and food.

China policy

On China, Mr. Biden said that in the context of shifting geopolitical trends, the U.S. would act as a "reasonable leader".

"We do not seek conflict. We do not seek a Cold War. We do not ask any nation to choose between the United States or any other partner," he said.

At the UN on Wednesday, however, Mr. Biden said the U.S. was committed to its One China Policy, wanted "peace and stability" across the Taiwan Strait and opposed unilateral changes to the status quo by either China or Taiwan.

Eight killed as protests spread in Iran over Kurdish woman's death

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

At least eight protesters have been killed in Iran in several days of unrest, according to a count of officially announced deaths and those reported by a human rights group.

Public anger has flared over the death of Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini, 22, after her arrest by the morality police responsible for enforcing a strict dress code for women.

Protests first erupted on Friday in her home province of Kurdistan, where governor Ismail Zarei Koosha said on Tuesday that three persons had been killed, without specifying when.

Like other officials, he blamed the deaths on "a plot by the enemy".

On Wednesday, Kurdistan police commander Ali Azadi announced the death of another person, according to *Tasnim* news agency.

Blaming 'enemy'

Two more protesters were killed in Kermanshah province, the region's prosecutor Shahram Karami was quoted as saying by *Fars* news agency.

"Unfortunately, two persons were killed during the riots yesterday," he said. "We are sure that this was done by counter-revolutionary agents."

On top of these deaths, the Norway-based Kurdish rights group Hengaw said on Wednesday that two more protesters had been killed overnight in West Azerbaijan province.

The two, aged 16 and 23, had died in the towns of Piranshahr, which was rocked by fierce clashes, and Urmia, Hengaw said.

Another male protester who was wounded in Divandareh, Kurdistan, on September 17 died from his injuries in hospital, the group said.

POWs reach Saudi Arabia from Russia

Agence France-Presse
RIYADH

Ten prisoners of war from countries including the United States and Britain have been transferred to Saudi Arabia as part of an exchange between Russia and Ukraine, the Gulf state said on Wednesday.

The group includes five British nationals, two Americans and one each from Morocco, Sweden and Croatia, according to a Saudi official briefed on the operation.

British Prime Minister Liz Truss said that the release of the British nationals was "welcome news.

A-G doubles down on Trump for fraud

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Donald Trump and family members lied to tax collectors, lenders and insurers for years in a scheme that routinely misstated the value of his properties to enrich themselves, according to a suit filed by New York's Attorney-General on Wednesday.

Top state prosecutor Letitia James said that with the help of his children and others at the Trump Organization, the former President provided fraudulent statements of his net worth and false asset valuations "to obtain and satisfy loans, get insurance benefits, and pay lower taxes."

"In short, he lied to gain massive financial benefits for himself."

Mr. Trump repeated his oft-used defence that the suit is "another witch hunt" against him, while his spokesperson denounced it as a political move by Democrats against the Republican businessman.

Ms. James requested that the former President pay at least $250 million in penalties – a sum she says he made from the fraud – and that his family be banned from running businesses in the state.

SUMMONS / NOTICE FOR SERVICE BY ADVERTISEMENT IN A NEWS PAPER UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908.
IN THE COURT OF THE LXVII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-69)
O. S. No. 5369 / 2006

BETWEEN : Smt. R. Anitha W/o Sri K. Ravindra, Aged about 56 years, R/a. 182, 2nd Cross, Nagappareddy Layout, Doorvaani Nagara Post, B. Narayanapura, Bangalore-560016.
AND : 1. Sri. C. Ramachandra Reddy S/o Late Chikka Munijappa, Since deceased by LR's Smt. Vimala and another R/a. B. Narayanapura Village, Doorvaani Nagara Post, Bangalore - 560016.
2. Thimmareddy (not known to Plaintiff
Aged about 60 years, Represented by his LR's.
NOTICE TO LRs OF DEFENDANT NO. 2 (a) TO (j) BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
1. Defendant No.2 (a): Smt. Padmavathi W/o Raghavan Reddy, K. Aged about 50 years, R/a. No. 8, 2nd Main, Nanchini Layout, PWD Main Road, A Narayana Palya Bangalore-560016 Daughter of Deceased Defendant No.2
2. Defendant No. 2(b)
Smt. Uma W/o Gopal Reddy Aged about 48 years, R/a. Near Venkatappa Colony, Venkatareddy Reddy Layout, A Narayanapura, Bangalore-560016. Daughter of deceased Defendant No.2
3. Defendant No.2(c) Smt. Bharathi W/o Ramesh, Aged about 45 years, R/a. Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Hukimangala Grama, Bangalore-560015. Daughter of Deceased Defendant No.2
4. Defendant No.2(d) Smt. Shobha W/o Manjunath, Aged about 43 years,
R/a. Managondanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East taluk, Bangalore-560036
Daughter of Defendant No.2
5. Defendant No. 2(e) Smt. Shyamala W/o Srinivasa Reddy, Aged about 42 years R/a. Sarjapura Main Road, Near Wipro, Doddakannalli, Kaimalapur Post, Bangalore-560035. Daughter of Deceased Defendant No.2
6. Defendant No.2(f) Sri. Srinivasa Reddy S/o Late Thimma Reddy, Aged about 40 years, R/a. No. 711, MEE Layout, Near White House, Gidamma Layout, A Narayanapura, Bangalore-560016
Son of Deceased Defendant No.2
7. Defendant No. 2(g) Sri. Raja Reddy S/o Late Thimma Reddy, Aged about 38 years, R/a. No. 711, MEE Layout, Near White House, Gidamma Layout, A Narayanapura, Bangalore-560016
Son of Deceased Defendant No.2
8. Defendant No. 2(h) Smt. Goveramma
W/o Late Thimma Reddy, Aged about 65 years, R/a. No. 711, MEE Layout, Near White House, Gidamma Layout, A Narayanapura, Bangalore-560016
Wife of Deceased Defendant No.2
9. Defendant No. 2(i) Smt. Rathnamma
W/o Late Thimma Reddy, Aged about 60 years, R/a. No. 711, MEE Layout, Near White House, Gidamma Layout, A Narayanapura, Bangalore-560016 Wife of Deceased Defendant No.2
10. Defendant No.2(j) Smt. Lalitha
W/o Late Srinivas Reddy, Aged about 41 years,
R/a. Venkatappa Colony, A Narayanapura,
Bangalore - 560016
Daughter of Deceased Defendant No.2
WHEREAS, the above named Plaintiff instituted the Suit against you for Permanent Injunction and Declaration restraining the Defendants, his agents, servants, henchmen, workers or representatives or any person acting, claiming on his behalf from interfering with Plaintiff possession over the Suit Schedule Property and other reliefs.
You are here by summoned to appear before this court on **3/11/2022 ,11.00 A.M.** in person or through pleader or Advocate to answer the questions to the same failing which the suit will be heard and determined as exparte.
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of immoveable property of vacant site bearing old Assessment No. 25/33, premises, in Khatha No. 64, Khaneshumari No.41, 41/1, situated at B. Narayanapura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, within Mahadevapura CMC Area, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 110 feet and North to South 20 Feet, in all together total area measuring 2200 square feet and bounded on the:
East By : Plaintiff's Vendors Property
West By : Kalappa's Property
North By: Kullamma @ Tulasamma's & Others Property
South By : Plaintiff's Properties (Plaintiffs vendor and Munirathnamma's property)
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of immoveable property of vacant site bearing old Assessment No. 25/33, premises, in Khatha No. 64, Khaneshumari No.41, 41/1, situated at B Narayanapura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, within Mahadevapura CMC Area, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 20 Feet, i.e., Eastern Portion of Schedule 'A' Property Consisting of a house and bounded by
East By : Plaintiff's Vendors Property,
West By : Western Portion of Schedule 'A' Property belonging to the Plaintiff
North By: Kullamma @ Tulasamma's & Others Property,
South By: Plaintiff's Properties
(Plaintiffs vendor and Munirathnamma property)
Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 9th day of September 2022.
By Order of the Court,
Sd/- Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court Bangaluru
Advocate for plaintiff: Shastri Associates
Sadanand Shastri, #1225-1, 'Sai Samarth', 8th Main Road, Chennakrishnappa Street, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore - 560003. Ph: 9886497257.
Email: sadanand@shastriassociates.com

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL (BENGALURU BENCH)
IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN
INTERSIL ANALOG SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED AND
RENESAS ELECTRONICS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS
CP (CAA) NO. 39/BB/2022
INTERSIL ANALOG SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN U72300KA2004PTC033390)
Having its registered office at
No. 777c, 1st floor
HAL 2nd Stage
Above Allen Solly, Indiranagar
Bengaluru – 560 038, Karnataka
...TRANSFEROR COMPANY/ PETITIONER NO. 1
RENESAS ELECTRONICS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN U51909KA2014FTC073648)
Having its registered office at
Bagmane Tech Park
Municipal No. 66/1-4
Lake Views, Block B, G-Floor
Krishnappa Garden, CV Raman Nagar
Bengaluru – 560 093, Karnataka
(Earlier situated at
No. 777c, 1st floor, HAL
2nd Stage, Above Allen Solly
Indiranagar, Bengaluru – 560 038
Karnataka)
...TRANSFEREE COMPANY/ PETITIONER NO. 2
NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION
A Company Petition under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, for sanctioning the Scheme of Arrangement involving Intersil Analog Services Private Limited and Renesas Electronics India Private Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors, was presented by the Petitioner Company before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (Bangalore Bench) ("**Tribunal**") on March 24, 2022 ("**Petition**") and the Hon'ble Tribunal by way of its order dated September 2, 2022 was pleased to fix the date of hearing of the said Petition on October 14, 2022.
Any person who is desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's advocate at the address mentioned hereunder, a notice of his/her intention, signed by him/her or his/her advocate, with his/her full name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner's advocate not later than 2 (two) days before the date fixed for the hearing of the Petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit intended to be used in opposition to the Petition, should be filed with the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench, at Corporate Bhawan, 12th Floor, Raheja Towers, M.G. Road, Bengaluru – 560 001, and a copy thereof served on the Petitioners' advocate, not less than 2 (two) days before the date fixed for hearing. A copy of the Petition shall be furnished by the Petitioner's advocate to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges.
Place: Bengaluru
Date: September 22, 2022
Sharan Kukreja
Partner
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Prestige Falcon Tower, 3rd Floor
19, Brunton Road, Craig Park Layout
Victoria Layout, Ashok Nagar
Bengaluru - 560 025

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla-171005
Advertisement No.:05/09/2022
CORRIGENDUM
This is with reference to the advertisement No.05.08.2022 published in the Employment News on 20.08.2022 and also published in leading newspapers, DoPT Website for inviting applications for the post of the Secretary of the Institute.
The eligible criteria for the post stands expanded and may be read as "*All officers working in Level-13 with minimum three years of experience or higher Level in Government Service are also eligible to apply for the said post subject to their fulfillment of other eligibility criteria*".
The other *Terms & Conditions* of the post will remain same. Applications through proper channel, on prescribed format (available on the website of the Institute) along with testimonials should reach the Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Rastrapati Nivas, Shimla – 171 005 latest by 20th October 2022 at 05.00 PM. A scanned copy of the application duly-signed by the applicant, can, however, be sent to the Director, IIAS, Shimla on e-mail ID director@iias.ac.in (as an advance copy). For more information, please visit website: www.iias.ac.in.
(Prem Chand)
Secretary

KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division (PMGSY), Chikkaballapur # 441, 3rd Floor, IDSMT Layout, APMC Back Door, Chikkaballapur. Ph:08156-274638,
e-mail:**pmgsycbp@gmail.com**
No.:EE/PD/CBP/TENDER/NOT-02/2022-23/307-312
Date:16.09.2022
TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Karnataka Rural Road Development agency invites item rate tenders for Improvement of rural roads in Shidlaghatta assembly constituency as per NGNRY SCP-TSP scheme norms through e-procurement in Two cover system as follows. **Sl.No.(1)** Amount put to tender (Rs.in Lakhs): **295.31.** EMD with respect to Amount put to Tender: **1.50% of Amount put to tender.** Period of Completion including monsoon: **11 months (Including rainy season).**
Calendar of events of tendering is as follows: **(1)** Start date for online submission of Technical and Financial bid: **20.09.2022, 11.00 Hours.** **(2)** Pre Bid Meeting Date: **26.09.2022, 11.00 Hours** **(3)** Last date for online submission of Technical and Financial bid &: **04.10.2022 upto 16.30 Hours.** **(4)** Opening of technical bid: **05.10.2022, 16.35 hours.** **(5)** Opening of financial bid: **06.10.2022, 16.40 hours onwards,** or soon after completing the Technical bid evaluation of tender.
(1) The Class-I Contractors who have registered in PWD/CPWD and are eligible in participation of tendering, Award of contract depends on technical capability, work carrying capacity and financial resourcefulness of the bidders. **(2)** The Contractors who are terminated from KRRDA for non completion of works and who have been terminated for not maintaining PMGSY/NGNRY roads are not eligible for participating in the tendering. **(3)** For any further information, the concerned Executive Engineer, Project Division may be contacted. **(4)** Details can be obtained from the **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Tendering Officer, Executive Engineer, Project Division, (PMGSY), Chickballapur.
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STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

INBRIEF

Volkswagen to raise prices from October 1 on input costs

With commodity prices at an elevated level, Volkswagen Passenger Cars India has announced that it will increase the prices of its models by up to 2% effective October 1. A company spokesperson attributed the price increase to 'rising input costs.' The company's models include sedan Virtus, SUV Taigun, hatchback Polo and sedan Vento.

Amazon to set up utility scale green-energy units in India

Amazon announced three new solar farms in India – the first in the country – with a combined capacity of 420 megawatts (MW) as it aims to use 100% renewable energy across its business by 2025. The three Indian projects include a 210 MW project to be developed by ReNew Power, a 100MW project to be developed by Amp Energy India, and a 110MW project to be developed by Brookfield Renewable, said Abhinav Singh, Director, Customer Fulfilment, Supply Chain and Amazon Transportation Services, Amazon India.

BorgWarner Morse Systems India inaugurates plant in T.N.

BorgWarner Morse Systems India, which makes engine-timing components for cars, commercial trucks and motorcycles, opened its second plant in Tiruvallur District for making variable camshaft timing (VCT) systems. The firm said its VCT technology optimises efficiency and reduces emissions in combustion-powered vehicles. "Currently, the second plant has a production capacity of three lakh VCTs with a single line," said R. Murali, director. "We will be adding more lines in the next four years and the capacity will increase to 30 lakh per annum," he added.

ADB pares India FY23 GDP growth forecast to 7%, from 7.5%

Lender says inflation has been more persistent than expected leading to sharper monetary tightening, and eroding consumers' purchasing power

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) cut its forecast for India's economic growth in 2022-23 to 7%, from 7.5% estimated in April, terming it a "modest downward revision" driven by higher-than-anticipated inflation and monetary tightening.

The lender also raised its inflation projection for India for this year to 6.7%, and widened the current account deficit (CAD) estimate to 3.8% of GDP. The ADB sees the CAD narrowing to 2.1% of GDP in 2023-24, while inflation is anticipated to slow to 5.8% as demand pressures from strengthening economic activity are seen offset by easing supply bottlenecks.

India's first-quarter growth of 13.5% reflected strong growth in services, but GDP growth forecasts were being revised downward as price pressures were expected to adversely impact domestic consumption and sluggish global demand and elevated oil prices would likely be a drag on net exports, the bank said. The ADB pegs FY24 growth at 7.2%.

Observing that inflation had turned out to be more persistent than expected, and led to a sharp tightening in monetary policy, the ADB said price gains were eroding consumers' purchasing power. "Sticky core inflation will adversely impact spending over the next two years if wages fail to adjust," it warned.

Consumption dampener: ADB sees sticky core inflation adversely impacting spending over next 2 years if wages don't adjust. K.V.S. GIRI

"Subsidised fertiliser and gas, the free food distribution programme, and the excise duty cuts will help offset some of the effects of high inflation on consumers, but the tax on packaged food products will likely be a burden on consumers already dealing with rising inflation," the ADB noted in its update.

China concerns

China's economy would grow 3.3% in 2022, slower than the rest of developing Asia for the first time in three decades, the ADB said in an update to its Asia Development Outlook (ADO) on Wednesday, less than the 5% forecast earlier, marred by lockdowns triggered by its zero-COVID strategy, property sector problems and weaker external demand.

South Asia outlook

The lower growth outlook for India along with a sharp contraction in Sri Lanka would translate into slower growth for South Asia, at 6.5% in 2022, from 7% projected earlier, the Asian lender said. India accounts for 80% of the region's economy.

The ADB also expects inflation in South Asia to be pushed up by higher energy and food costs to 8.1% in 2022, faster than the 6.5% estimated earlier.

"The revision mainly reflects the pattern of inflation in India," it added.

Cabinet approves uniform 50% support for chip, display units

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government said that the changes would help expedite investments in the semiconductor sector

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved uniform fiscal support of 50% project cost for all technology formats for chip fabrication units under the scheme for development of semiconductor and display manufacturing.

The Cabinet had in December approved the programme for the sector with an outlay of ₹76,000 crore.

"Given the niche technology... the modified programme will also provide fiscal support of 50% of capital expenditure in pari-passu mode for setting up of compound semiconductors / silicon photonics / sensors / discrete semiconductors fabs," the Centre said in a statement.

The scheme had attracted many global semiconductor players and the changes would help expedite investments in chip manufacturing, it added.

Wipro fires 300 for moonlighting with firm's competitors

Press Trust Of India
NEW DELHI

Wipro has sacked some 300 employees for 'moonlighting' as the IT services firm toughens its stand against staffers taking a second job after work hours.

Wipro chairman Rishad Premji, who has been a vocal critic of moonlighting, said Wipro had no place for anyone who chose to work with rivals while being on Wipro's payrolls.

Moonlighting is a "complete violation of integrity in its deepest form," he said speaking at an event.

"The reality is there are people today working for Wipro and working directly for one of our competitors and we have actually discovered 300 people in the last few months who are doing exactly that."

He added services had been terminated in specific instances of violation.

"Certain employees found to be operating in circumstances that are in direct conflict with Wipro's interests have been terminated," the company said in a statement.

(With inputs from Mini Tejaswi)

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	59,457	-0.44
US Dollar	79.96	-0.27
Gold	49,871	0.21
Brent oil	89.78	-0.63

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	732.80	-37.35
Apollo Hosp	4604.80	45.45
Asian Paints	3356.85	-37.15
Axis Bank	808.55	-5.20
Bajaj Auto	3730.80	-38.80
Bajaj Finserv	1802.80	2.40
Bajaj Finance	7696.65	55.25
Bharti Airtel	788.20	-11.95
BPCL	520.85	-2.85
Britannia Ind	3768.65	115.85
Cipla	1078.40	-21.90
Coal India	231.55	1.70
Divis Lab	3873.70	-57.65
Dr Reddys Lab	4152.75	-63.25
Eicher Motors	3682.05	-29.50
Grasim Ind	1715.85	-21.80
HCL Tech	908.55	-13.05
HDFC	2455.85	-26.40
HDFC Bank	1518.35	-2.35
HDFC Life	551.40	-5.35
Hero MotoCorp	2778.65	5.10
Hindalco	411.35	-10.10
Hind Unilever	2623.60	40.85
ICICI Bank	915.25	-1.50
IndusInd Bank	1224.25	-39.85
Infosys	1377.25	-11.30
ITC	348.55	4.95
JSW Steel	684.85	-4.15
Kotak Bank	1918.50	-21.25
L&T	1805.65	-37.05
M&M	1306.85	3.70
Maruti Suzuki	9247.50	-52.95
Nestle India	19649.50	33.25
NTPC	168.60	-3.30
ONGC	138.50	-2.90
PowerGrid Corp	227.85	-5.65
Reliance Ind	2509.75	6.90
SBI Life	1306.30	-3.80
State Bank	568.70	-4.35
Shree Cement	22023.95	-1218.75
Sun Pharma	906.30	-6.65
TataConsumer Product	804.20	0.80
Tata Motors	427.65	-6.90
Tata Steel	104.45	-1.35
TCS	3001.20	-39.10
Tech Mahindra	1060.15	4.90
Titan	2668.65	-17.35
UltraTech Cement	6513.75	-170.90
UPL	717.50	-2.40
Wipro	408.75	-4.15

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 21

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.76	80.10
Euro	79.14	79.48
British Pound	90.46	90.83
Japanese Yen (100)	55.39	55.63
Chinese Yuan	11.32	11.37
Swiss Franc	82.77	83.11
Singapore Dollar	56.44	56.67
Canadian Dollar	59.67	59.91
Malaysian Ringitt	17.51	17.66
Australian Dollar	53.21	53.43

Source:Indian Bank

SBI raises ₹4,000 cr. via Tier 2 bonds

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

State Bank of India (SBI) said it had raised ₹4,000 crore via Basel III compliant Tier 2 bonds on Wednesday at a coupon rate of 7.57%. "The issue attracted an overwhelming response from investors with bids of ₹9,647 crore and was oversubscribed by about 5 times against the base issue size of ₹2,000 crore," SBI said.

The coupon rate, it said, "represents a spread of 14 bps over 10-year Gsec. The 10-year SDL cut-off was 7.69% annualised on September 20, 2022."

Bank GNPAs may hit decadal low of 4% in FY24: Crisil Ratings

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Gross NPAs in MSME segment may rise to 10-11% by March 2024 from 9.3% as on March 31, 2022

The gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) of banks is expected to improve 90 basis points (bps) to 5% this fiscal year-on-year, and another 100 bps to a decadal low of 4% by March 31, 2024 , riding on post-pandemic economic recovery and higher credit growth, Crisil Ratings said.

The asset quality of the banking sector would also benefit from the proposed sale of NPAs to the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL), it said.

However, not all segments would perform equally well, the agency said, adding the biggest improvement would be seen in the corporate segment, where gross NPAs may drop below 2% next fiscal from 16% as on March 31, 2018. Gross NPAs in the MSME segment may rise to 10-11% by March 2024 from 9.3% as on March 31, 2022.

Recession unlikely to hit India, as it's 'not so coupled' with global economy: S&P

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Global rating agency S&P on Wednesday said even though the U.S. and the Euro zone are headed towards recession, India is unlikely to face the impact given the "not so coupled" nature of its economy with the global economy.

"Indian economy is a lot decoupled from the global economy than we normally think of, given its large domestic demand, even though you [India] are a net importer of energy. But you have enough forex reserves on one hand and your companies have managed to maintain healthy balance sheets," Paul F. Gruenwald, S&P global chief economist and MD, told reporters. In fact, India was never coupled fully with the global economy and so is relatively independent of global markets, he said, adding that a lot depends on how global fund flows behave if there is a recession in the U.S. and Europe.

> India has enough forex reserves and your companies have managed to maintain healthy balance sheets
>
> **PAUL F. GRUENWALD**
> S&P global chief economist and MD

Their inflation numbers continue to dodge monetary actions by their central banks as the gap between the U.S. core inflation target and the actual number is three times at 6%.

'TVS Motor Co. taps alternative sources to meet chip shortage'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

TVS Motor Company has sorted out the semiconductor-shortage issue by tapping an alternative source, said a top official.

During the first quarter of FY23, TVSM lost quite a bit with respect to deliveries of Apache and Raider motorcycles following chip shortage, the official said.

"But thanks to our team, we were able to develop alternate [sources] and now, Raider is fully back," said K.N. Radhakrishnan, director and CEO.

"Apache is [also] fully back. I don't think there will be any problem in the season. Now, this month and next month, you will see very good [sales] numbers." The firm said it would unveil many EV products over 8-12 quarters.

Sport

Nearly ten years later, have we come full circle?

When the Justice Lodha Commission recommended a series of changes to streamline the functioning of the BCCI, there was much acclaim

BETWEEN THE WICKETS
Suresh Menon

It is nearly a decade since the Supreme Court was forced to enter cricket administration in the country following spot-fixing allegations in the IPL and the recommendations of the Justice Mudgal Commission. In 2016, the Justice Lodha Commission, with its larger remit, set about reforming the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

As skeletons began tumbling out of the BCCI's cupboard, its President and Secretary were sacked, and reform measures were laid out which were endorsed by the Supreme Court. A Committee of Administrators was appointed by the Court to run the BCCI, and handle the transition.

When the Justice Lodha Commission recommended a series of changes to streamline the functioning of the BCCI, there was much acclaim. The BCCI – despite everything, still the best-run sports organisation in the country – had got itself into a mess. People were hanging on to power, and cricket appeared to be of less importance than political and personal glory. Egos ruled, and it took the power of the Supreme Court to bring things under control.

The clean-up operation initiated by the Supreme Court was aimed at (among other things) ridding the board of office-bearers across the country who believed they had life-long postings that were hereditary, with the son or daughter or a relative anointed to take over from them. Conflict of interest was rampant, and systems had to be put in place.

The BCCI's new constitution incorporated the Lodha reforms, although the officials made no secret of their unhappiness at the changes. Now the spirit of the reforms barely survives.

Justice Lodha's two key rulings were the 'cooling off period' which ensured there was a break after six years in office, and the cut-off age of 70 beyond which no one could be in office. There were others, some of which the BCCI accepted and others they asked to be reviewed.

Had the original Lodha recommendations been followed, the current President and Secretary of the BCCI would have been disqualified. The recent roll-back – number of years as official at the State-level cannot now be added to the number of years at the BCCI – means they can stay in office till 2025 if re-elected. In effect an elected official can stay in office for 12 years in a row before the three-year cooling off period kicks in.

There was no particular worry about the age limit (which has been retained) since President Sourav Ganguly is 50 and Secretary Jay Shah is only 33. And neither is likely to be keen on opening the door to former office-bearers past that age.

For a while, with the appointment of a high-profile CEO, the BCCI had the feel of a professionally-run organisation. Neither the domestic season nor the international calendar was adversely affected, and there was a hint then that professionalism in administration was a way out of the BCCI's fear-and-favour policy which had been in existence for years.

It was felt that elections, especially in the way they were handled, might not be the ideal solution across the various cricket associations and indeed the board itself. The CEO was an important early step towards appointing professionals to run an organisation with a turnover in the billions of dollars.

The BCCI is more corporate entity – with all that it implies – than a restricted sporting body dependent on government handouts for their very existence. This change has come about in recent years, with the influx of new money and new ways of making more money. To have a bunch of amateurs beholden to another set of amateurs for electing them to office handling the big issues is anachronistic in this day and age.

As the roles developed, one hoped that the professional office-bearers would be responsible to the share-holders from the players and fans to the sponsors and television. The Supreme Court probably envisaged this when they introduced the CEO, a salaried point-man responsible for the working of the set-up. But the BCCI didn't give it enough time.

The BCCI has traditionally been about power and political gain. It has been an opaque body with little accountability. This was the original problem the Supreme Court had set out to eliminate, and with time might have too.

The election of Ganguly, a former India captain as its President was a nod to the sport, but with the Home Minister's son, businessman Jay Shah, as Secretary, the politician wasn't far behind. If Ganguly decides to move to the International Cricket Council as its next chairman at the end of the year, it will alter the balance.

In just under a decade, cricket administration in India has gone from a feudal system to something more modern and transparent and now it seems to be steadily moving back. So what was all that fuss about?

TENNIS

Federer eyes dream pairing with Nadal for farewell match

Federer said he will play in the Laver Cup doubles on Friday evening but will not play a singles match in London. As for his doubles partner for the last hurrah? He would not say definitively — he said that's up to Borg — but the not-so-hidden secret is that it is expected to be Nadal. AFP

ASIA CUP

No big changes in Indian women's squad for continental event

The Indian team for the Asia Cup in Bangladesh from Oct. 1 to 15:
The squad: Harmanpreet (Capt.), Smriti, Deepti, Shafali, Jemimah, Meghana, Richa, Sneh Rana, Hemalatha, Meghna, Renuka, Pooja, Rajeshwari, Radha, Navgire.
Standbyes: Taniya and Simran.

CRICKET

Maiden five-day Test for women to be held during Ashes next year

The first women's cricket Test played over five days will take place next year when England and Australia meet in the Ashes. Women's Tests have traditionally been played over four days as opposed to five in the men's game. The Test will be played at Trent Bridge from June 22 to 26 that also includes three T20s and three ODIs.

FOOTBALL

Atletico Madrid denounces racist chants against Vinicius

Atletico Madrid condemned the racist chants made by some of its fans against Real Madrid forward Vinicius Junior and pledged to work with authorities to identify those responsible. A group of Atletico fans outside the Metropolitano Stadium chanted "Vinicius, you are a monkey" before Real's win last weekend.

Harmanpreet special hands Women in Blue a series win

The skipper's unbeaten 143 off just 111 deliveries, studded with 18 fours and four sixes, takes the visitors to 333 for five; Harleen chips in with a maiden half-century; Renuka wrecker-in-chief with four for 57 as England loses by 88 runs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CANTERBURY

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur rekindled memories of the 2017 World Cup as she stroked a magnificent unbeaten 143 to power India to its highest total of 333 for five and secure a memorable 88-run victory against England in the second ODI here on Wednesday.

With this win, India went 2-0 up in the three-match ODI series, marking its first series win in England since 1999.

Wyatt lone fighter

Danni Wyatt (65, 58b, 6x4) top-scored for the home team, while seamer Renuka Singh broke the back of the England batting line-up with a four for 57, including the wickets of opener Emma Lamb and No. 3 batter Sophia Dunkley.

The chase began badly and England never really recovered, and folded up for 245 in 44.2 overs.

Earlier, player-of-the-match Harmanpreet smashed 18 fours and four sixes during her 111-ball knock, stitching together a stand of 112 for the fourth wicket with Harleen Deol (58 off 72 balls).

The India skipper also added 50 with Pooja Vastrakar (18) and 71 off just four overs with Deepti Sharma (15 not out) for the unbroken sixth wicket.

It was in the last three overs that Harmanpreet took the game away from England, the target of 334 looking daunting even on a batting beauty.

Going berserk

Off the final 18 deliveries, the Indians scored 62 runs, courtesy Harmanpreet, who was in imperious touch while reaching her fifth hundred in ODIs.

The innings had Harmanpreet's trademark slog sweeps over cow corner which fetched her a couple of sixes. She also smashed sixes over covers.

With the pitch offering little help for the bowlers, hitting through the line was easy.

The England attack suffered a lot, with only off-spinner Charlie Dean (one for 39) finishing with respectable figures.

Debutant left-arm seamer Freya Kemp, who bowled decently till her seventh over conceding only 28, was hammered all over the park in the final three overs.

Going after Kemp

Harmanpreet went after Kemp, hitting boundaries at will. The bowler ended with figures of one for 82 in 10 overs, one of the worst performances by a debutant for England in women's cricket.

Masterclass: Harmanpreet went ballistic in the final three overs, hitting boundaries at will. REUTERS

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Shafali Verma b Cross 8 *(7b, 2x4)*, Smriti Mandhana lbw b Ecclestone 40 *(51b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Yastika Bhatia c & b Dean 26 *(34b, 4x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur (not out) 143 *(111b, 18x4, 4x6)*, Harleen Deol c Wyatt b Bell 58 *(72b, 5x4, 2x6)*, Pooja Vastrakar c Lamb b Kemp 18 *(16b, 3x4)*, Deepti Sharma (not out) 15 *(9b, 2x4)*; Extras (lb-1, w-24): 25; Total (for five wkts. in 50 overs): 333.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-12 (Shafali, 1.3 overs), 2-66 (Yastika, 11.4), 3-99 (Smriti, 19.1), 4-212 (Harleen, 39.6), 5-262 (Pooja, 45.6).

ENGLAND BOWLING

Bell 10-0-79-1, Cross 10-0-68-1, Kemp 10-0-82-1, Dean 10-0-39-1, Ecclestone 10-0-64-1.

ENGLAND

Tammy Beaumont run out 6 *(8b, 1x4)*, Emma Lamb lbw b Renuka 15 *(18b, 2x4)*, Sophia Dunkley b Renuka 1 *(8b)*, Alice Capsey c Shafali b Deepti 39 *(36b, 6x4)*, Danni Wyatt b Renuka 65 *(58b, 6x4)*, Amy Jones st. Yastika b Hemalatha 39 (51b, 3x4, 1x6), Freya Kemp run out 12 *(11b, 1x4)*, Sophie Ecclestone c Harleen b Renuka 1 *(2b)*, Charlie Dean st. Yastika b Hemalatha 37 *(44b, 3x4)*, Kate Cross lbw b Shafali 14 *(14b, 1x4)*, Lauren Bell (not out) 11 *(16b, 1x4)*; Extras (b-3, w-2): 5; Total (in 44.2 overs): 245.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-7 (Beaumont, 1.5), 2-12 (Dunkley, 3.3), 3-47 (Lamb, 7.4), 4-102 (Capsey, 16.4), 5-167 (Wyatt, 29.3), 6-169 (Jones, 30.3), 7-182 (Ecclestone, 31.5), 8-183 (Kemp, 32.3), 9-211 (Cross, 37.6).

INDIA BOWLING

Jhulan 7-0-31-0, Renuka 10-0-57-4, Pooja 7-0-45-0, Rajeshwari 8-0-45-0, Deepti 7-0-40-1, Harleen 2-0-13-0, Hemalatha 2.2-0-6-2, Shafali 1-0-5-1.

Toss: England.
India won by 88 runs to take a 2-0 lead in three-match series.
Third and final ODI: Sept. 24, Lord's, 3.30 p.m. IST.

Gutsy Het pulls West out of trouble with unbeaten 96; others fail to get going

S. Dinakar
COIMBATORE

A green seaming track with bounce and deviation, pacers on the prowl, and the team in deep trouble. Het Patel stared at adversity at 64 for four when he walked in. And with the eye of the tiger, the sharply-focused youngster turned the game around.

With an organised game of footwork, balance, judicious stroke-making and exquisite timing, the 23-year-old Gujarat wicket-keeper batter remained unbeaten with a gutsy 96 (178b, 6x4, 1x6).

Riding on Het's heroics, West finished day one of the Duleep Trophy final at the Ramakrishna College on a competitive 250 for eight here on Wednesday.

Unbeaten stand

Frustrating South Zone, Het and Jaydev Unadkat (39 batting) added 82 runs for the unbeaten ninth wicket stand in 126 deliveries. Two shots stood out – a pull, getting on top of the bounce, and a lovely lofted six over long-on, both off left-arm seamer C. Stephen.

The resolute Unadkat defended well and squeezed the ball through the open spaces.

Stephen impresses

For South, Stephen, included because of the conditions, made an impression with his left-armer's angle and movement. He struck with the new ball, getting the left-handed Yashasvi Jaiswal to nick outside off and brought one back to dismiss Priyank Panchal.

West skipper Ajinkya Rahane gambled by opting to bat. He too departed soon, playing the whip early at pacer Basil Thampi and was caught brilliantly at covers by Ravi Teja off the leading edge. Thampi's seam position was good. And he worked up pace.

Shreyas Iyer (37) and Sarfaraz Khan (34) got starts but could not consolidate.

Left-arm spinner Sai Kishore, with his height and high-arm action, was also a threat on this surface because of the bounce he could extract.

Shreyas (37) attempted to drive Sai, saw the ball getting big on him and was smartly held by Indrajith at cover.

Sai bowled well, using the seam cleverly. And he plotted his dismissals well. Skipper Hanuma Vihari and Sai were spot on with the tactics when they had a man at short fine-leg for the miscued sweep from Sarfaraz.

After day one, the match is on a knife edge.

Budding star: Het displayed organised footwork, balance, judicious stroke-making and exquisite timing. M. PERIASAMY

The scores:
West Zone — 1st innings: Yashasvi Jaiswal c Bhui b Stephen 1, Priyank Panchal lbw b Stephen 7, Ajinkya Rahane c Ravi Teja b Thampi 8, Shreyas Iyer c Indrajith b Sai Kishore 37, Sarfaraz Khan c Indrajith b Sai Kishore 34, Het Patel (batting) 96, Shams Mulani lbw b Sai Kishore 0, Atit Sheth c Mayank b Thampi 25, Tanush Kotian c Pandey b Gowtham 2, Jaydev Unadkat (batting) 39; Extras (lb-1): 1; Total (for eight wkts. in 90 overs): 250.
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-10, 3-16, 4-64, 5-99, 6-101, 7-164, 8-167.
South Zone bowling: Thampi 15-2-42-2, Stephen 10-2-39-2, Sai Kishore 32-6-80-3, Ravi Teja 7-3-15-0, K. Gowtham 26-1-73-1.
Toss: West.

MoU signed, MotoGP could come to India next year

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

In a massive boost for motor sport in the country, the MotoGP organisers on Wednesday announced that the biggest two-wheel racing event could come to India as early as next year.

An MoU, which promises seven races in as many years, was announced, but MotoGP organisers Dorna Sports and Indian promoters Faristreet Sports did not set a date for the first race, which is being branded as 'Grand Prix of Bharat'.

If 2023 doesn't work out, both parties aim to conduct a testing event the same year before the inaugural round in 2024.

The MoU was announced in the presence of Dorna Sports MD Carlos Ezpeleta and Indian promoter Fairstreet Sports (FSS) COO Pushkar Nath and director Amit Sandill. The round when it happens will also include races in junior category – Moto2 and Moto3.

Bonafide finisher Wade aces yet another death-overs test

Ayan Acharya
CHENNAI

Matthew Wade isn't a name that immediately springs to mind when it comes to finishers in T20 cricket. However, the left-hander has excelled during the death overs at crucial moments in major tournaments for Australia.

On Tuesday night, the Indian bowlers got a taste of Wade's finishing prowess as he smashed an unbeaten 21-ball 45 to catapult Finch's men past the finish line in the first T20I in Mohali.

Wade's 360-degree approach makes him ideal for the finisher's job. In all T20s, Wade strikes at 153.15 against pace and it jumps to 183.27 between overs 17 and 20. His strengths are accentuated by his arrival at the crease in a batting-heavy Australian side.

Wade, at No. 7, is likely to face more pace than spin. The left-hander has a strike-rate of 109.59 against spin. While it improves marginally to 114.28 against the spinners at the death, the average drops drastically to 14.40 from 30.65. Wade has got out to spinners five times at the death while scoring 72 off 63 balls.

When Wade walked out to bat in the opening T20I on Tuesday, Axar Patel, India's most successful bowler of the night (three for 17), was finishing his spell.

The Australian faced just four deliveries from the left-arm spinner before feasting on a hapless Indian pace attack. Australia needed 40 from 18 balls when Harshal Patel was handed the ball for the 18th over. Wade tore him apart, collecting 15 with two sixes.

In the penultimate over, bowled by Bhuvneshwar Kumar, the left-hander hit three fours as 16 came off it. The match was sealed there.

Pulling off such heists isn't unchartered territory for Wade. He pulled off a similar one during the 2021 T20 World Cup semifinal against Pakistan in Dubai. With Australia needing 20 off 10, he was dropped by Hasan Ali. He made Babar's men pay, smashing the next three deliveries for sixes, including two scoops off Shaheen Afridi. Wade is a bonafide finisher indeed.

Wad(e)ing into the Indian bowlers. R.V. MOORTHY

I was not willing to risk it all, always said that was never my goal: Federer

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

Roger Federer is known for his elegant style of play, for his longevity, for his 20 Grand Slam titles – and for occasional tears in his most emotional post-match moments, whether after victory or defeat.

There was none of that sort of sadness on Wednesday, just smiles and some chuckles at his own jokes, as Federer appeared at a news conference to discuss his retirement from professional tennis at age 41 after a series of knee operations.

Federer said he is now at peace with the decision to walk away, which comes a few weeks after Serena Williams played what is expected to be her last match at the US Open, and he wants this farewell to be a celebration.

"I really don't want it to be a funeral," Federer said. "I want it to be really happy and powerful and party mode." Wearing a blue blazer with the sleeves rolled up to his elbows and a white polo shirt, Federer took questions for about a half-hour at the arena that will host the team competition founded by his management company.

"I'm nervous going in, because I haven't played in so long," he said.

"I hope I can be somewhat competitive." Federer, who announced last week via social media that he would be retiring after the Laver Cup, said it took him a bit to get used to the idea of stepping away from competition.

But it was something he understood he needed to do after running into setbacks in July during his rehabilitation from what was his third surgery on his right knee in about 1 1/2 years.

"You try to go to the next level in training, and I could feel it was getting difficult... Then, I guess, I was also getting more tired, because you have to put more effort into it to be able to sort of believe that it was going to turn around. You start getting too pessimistic. Then I also got a scan back, which wasn't what I wanted it to be," Federer explained.

"At some point, you sit down and go, OK, we are at an intersection here, at a crossroad, and you have to take a turn. Which way is it?' I was not willing to go into the direction of: 'Let's risk it all.' I'm not ready for that. I always said that was never my goal." And the hardest part came when he knew he needed to stop.

"You're sad," Federer said, "in the very moment when you realise, OK, this is the end."" The last procedure on his knee came shortly after a quarterfinal loss to Hubert Hurkacz at Wimbledon in July 2021, which will go into the books as the last singles match of a superlative career that began in the 1990s.

Party mode: Federer said he is at peace with the decision to walk away and wants his farewell to be a celebration. GETTY IMAGES

INBRIEF

Mirabai to compete in National Games

Mirabai Chanu will be seen in action at the National Games in Gujarat while Jeremy Lalrinnunga (67kg) will skip the event due to an elbow issue. Both Mirabai and Jeremy were among the eight lifters who returned home on Monday after spending more than three weeks at a rehab camp in St. Louis (USA).

Suryakumar leapfrogs Babar to third spot in T20 rankings

Suryakumar Yadav replaced Babar Azam to occupy the third spot in the T20I batter's list in the latest ICC Men's Player Rankings. Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan is at the top.

Easy win for Kickstart FC against ADE

Kickstart FC blanked ADE 5-0 in the BDFA Super Division football league in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The results: Friends United 1 (Magesh Selva 7) drew Thancos Student's Union 1 (Jay Kanani 37); Kickstart FC 5 (Jijo Joseph 14, Abhishek Shaner 32, Shelton Paul 34, Princewill Emeka 81, Akshay Kumar 86) bt ADE 0; angalore Independents FC 6 (Minkel Sylla 24, U.K. Surya 44, Britto Carlos 45-og, Sathish Kumar 63, Muzamiri Abdallah 69, Narendra Prasad 78) bt Bangalore Eagles 1 (R. Ajith 89).

India-A starts favourite in one-day series

We are looking forward to testing our skills and make sure they are as good and sharp as possible to come out with a win, says New Zealand-A captain O'Donnell

NZ-A IN INDIA

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

After the three-match unofficial Test series (four-day matches), India-A and New Zealand-A will fight for honours in a three-match one-day series starting here at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Thursday.

The hosts won the 'Test' series 1-0 with a 113-run win in the final match in Bengaluru.

The first one in the same city was drawn while rain played spoilsport during the second match at Hubballi.

Decent show

Like in four-day matches, India-A will go into the series as firm favourite even though the visitors put up a decent show in the red-ball series.

For India-A, Prithvi Shaw and Ruturaj Gaikwad provide a solid front, with the middle order set to be taken care of by skipper Sanju Samson, Rajat Patidar and Rahul Tripathi.

Experienced players

The squad also has the likes of Tilak Varma, who impressed for Mumbai Indians in the IPL, and pacer Angad Bawa, a star of the last under-19 World Cup, besides experienced all-rounders like Shardul Thakur and Rishi Dhawan.

Raring to go: India-A's Rishi Dhawan and Rahul Tripathi will look to make the most of the opportunity. M. VEDHAN

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It is a chance for the Kiwi players to show what they can do here in sub-continental conditions with an eye to the 2023 World Cup to be held in India

Apart from the challenge of going up against a strong Indian side, the visitors also have had only two days of practice in the city to get used to conditions that are hotter than what it was in Bengaluru.

Eye on 2023 WC

It is a chance for the Kiwi players to show what they can do here in sub-continental conditions with an eye to the 2023 World Cup to be held here.

"The Indian team has changed across the formats. We have a whole new challenge with the white-ball squad with a bit more experience coming in terms of players who have played for India. We are looking forward to testing our skills against [them].

"We are trying to make sure our skills are as good and sharp as possible to come out with a win," said New Zealand-A captain Robert O'Donnell.

Competing with yourself is what I like to do, says Samson

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Samson. M. VEDHAN

Ever since the Indian squad for the World T20 was announced, there has been a huge debate surrounding Sanju Samson's exclusion from it. The 27-year-old though is ready to move past it as he prepares to lead India-A against New Zealand-A in the three-match one-day series.

The wicketkeeper-batter has never had a consistent run in the national squad and when asked about it, felt it can be challenging at times.

Lot of competition

Speaking here on Wednesday, Samson said, "finding a place in the Indian team is a challenging part for every individual. There is a lot of competition and I feel it is important to focus on yourself when these things happen.

"From a younger age, my coaches and parents have always told me to focus on myself. Competing with yourself is what I like to do. When you do that the rest of things take care of themselves."

Doing different roles

Explaining what he does when he gets overlooked for selection, the 27-year-old said, "One thing I have constantly worked on is doing different roles. I am very confident about batting anywhere between one to six. That is what I am specialising in and challenging myself.

"You don't need to find a particular spot for yourself. You can't say I am a finisher or an opener. Last three to four years, playing for my State, IPL, India-A or India, I have been batting in different positions and that has given me a different dimension,"

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Not a small thing

On what keeps him motivated, Samson said, "the motivation is always there. Being a part of Indian cricket is not a small thing. We all know the standards we have set, the quality of cricket and the quality of our cricketers we have is unbelievable.

"So it helps every individual to appraise their level of the game so we keep on challenging ourselves and keep on performing in every opportunity we get."

Arjun slips to second behind Carlsen; Praggnanandhaa in joint fourth

CHESS

Sports Bureau

Arjun Erigaisi made way for a resurgent Magnus Carlsen at the top after 12 rounds of the league stage in the $150,000 Julius Baer Generation Cup rapid online chess tournament on Tuesday.

Overnight leader by two points, Arjun gained from a blunder from veteran Vassily Ivanchuk in the day's first round but lost to Jan-Krzysztof Duda in the next. After Boris Gelfand could not find the precise continuation in the middle game to let Arjun breath easy for a draw, the Indian teenager defeated American youngster Christopher Yoo to tally 24 points from a maximum of 36.

Carlsen (25) displayed his class by scoring three wins in four unbeaten games to overtake Arjun. His victims included Ivan Saric, Duda and Gelfand. In fact, he let Ivanchuk off the hook in the 10th round.

The top seed also became the first to qualify for the eight-player knockout phase.

R. Praggnanandhaa (19) was tied for the fourth spot with Vincent Keymer and Duda. He drew all four games of the day against teammate B. Adhiban, third-placed Le Quang Liem, David Navara and Hans Moke Niemann.

Adhiban (8) moved out of the cellar, ahead of Gelfand, after scoring his first win. After drawing with Praggnanandhaa, Adhiban defeated Saric, drew with Ivanchuk but lost to Duda.

Meanwhile, in the FIDE Women's Grand Prix in Astana, Kazakhstan, R. Vaishali (1.5 points) held Chinese favourite Tan Zhongyi in 32 moves in the fourth round.

LIVE TELECAST

Pakistan vs England: 2nd T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.

Nations League: Sony Ten 1, 2, 3 SD & HD, LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Friday).

Gujarat men and West Bengal women emerge champions

TABLE TENNIS

K. Keerthivasan
SURAT

Having finished with a silver in the previous edition of the Kerala National Games in 2015, Gujarat (men) and West Bengal (women) did one better by winning the gold in the table tennis event of the Games here on Wednesday.

Host Gujarat couldn't have asked for a better outcome as it put up a top-class performance defeating Delhi 3-0 in the final.

Experience to the fore

Earlier, West Bengal's experience came to the fore as its women's team won the gold, defeating a youthful Maharashtra 3-1 in the summit clash.

Gujarat, the top seed, has played true to form, winning all its group matches and knockouts in regal 3-0 fashion.

Top team: The West Bengal table tennis team which took the honours the National Games. A.M. FARUQUI

Manav Thakkar raced past Sudhanshu Grover 11-3, 13-11, 14-12 in the first rubber, while Harmeet Desai was flawless in his 11-7, 11-3, 12-10 win over 17-year-old Payas Jain in the second tie. Manush Shah drubbed Yashansh Malik 11-4, 11-9, 11-4 in the third match.

In the women's summit clash, Ayhika Mukherjee gave Bengal a headstart with an easy 11-3, 11-5, 11-3 win over Swastika Ghosh. Swastika was all at sea against the spin employed by Ayhika through her soft-pimpled rubber on her forehand.

Onus on Mouma

After Reeth beat Sutirtha in three straight games in the second tie, the onus fell on the 38-year-old Mouma Das in the crucial third rubber.

The veteran didn't disappoint, proving that motherhood hasn't dulled her instincts and fighting spirit one bit. Mouma saved two match-points at 9-10 and 10-11 in the fourth game to script a five-game win over Diya Chitale.

In a match that saw fluctuating fortunes, Sutirtha outwitted Swastika in five games to win the fourth tie.

The results (final):
Men: Gujarat bt Delhi 3-0 (Manav Thakkar bt Sudhanshu Grover 11-3, 13-11, 14-12; Harmeet Desai bt Payas Jain 11-7, 11-3, 12-10; Manush Shah bt Yashansh Malik 11-4, 11-9, 11-4).
Women: West Bengal bt Maharashtra 3-1 (Ayhika Mukherjee bt Swastika Ghosh 11-3, 11-5, 11-3; Sutirtha Mukherjee lost to Reeth Rishya 9-11, 11-13, 9-11; Mouma Das bt Diya Chitale 6-11, 16-14, 10-12, 14-12, 11-6; Sutirtha bt Swastika 11-4, 11-13, 11-9, 10-12, 11-6.

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